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GEORGIA.

Journals of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia, at the first Session of the Seventh General Assembly of the said Province, Convened at the Town of Savannah, on Monday the thirtieth day of October, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Nine, by his Excellency James Wright, Esquire, Captain General, and Governor in Chief of the Province aforesaid—

A true Copy from the Original Journals
Examined and Certified

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The Master in Chancery delivered to the Clerk of the Commons House of Assembly by order of his Excellency the Governor, a Commission directed to Noble Wimberly Jones, John Milledge, Archibald Bulloch and William Young Esq^r the Members Elected and returned to Serve in General Assembly for the Town and district of Savannah The Master in Chancery also delivered the several Writs of Election upon which the Members are Elected and returned together with the Several Indentures from

The Commission for Qualifying Members presented by the Clerk

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the Provost Marshall a Sufficient number of Members not meeting the Clerk took the Chair and adjourned till to morrow Morning 10 of the Clock.

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Tuesday 31st October 1769

The Commission delivered to the Clerk yesterday was read in the words following—

and read

GEORGIA By his Excellency James Wright Esquire Captain General, Governor, and Commander in Chief, of his Majesty's said Province of Georgia, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the Same.

To Noble Wimberly Jones, John Milledge, Archibald Bulloch and William Young Esquires Greeting—

Whereas his most Sacred Majesty in and by his Royal Commission to me under the great Seal of Great Britain hath amongst other things directed that the Several Persons duly Elected to serve as Members of the General Assembly of this Province shall before their sitting take the Oaths mentioned and appointed to be taken by an Act passed in the first Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the first, Intituled Act for the further security of his Majestys Person and Government and the Succession of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princess Sophia being Protestants And for extinguishing the hopes of the Pretended Prince of Wales and his open and Secret Abettors—

And Whereas the said Act was altered by an Act of the Parliament of Great Britain made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord the King that now is

Intitled an Act for altering the Oath of Abjuration and the Assurance and for amending so much of an Act of the Seventh Year of her late Majesty Queen Ann, Intitled, An Act for the improvement of the Union of the two Kingdoms, as, after the time therein limited requires the delivery of certain Lists, and Copies therein mentioned to Persons indicted of High Treason or misprision of Treason And whereas the said Persons so Elected are required also to make and subscribe the Declaration mentioned in An Act of Parliament made in the Twenty fifth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second Intitled an Act for preventing Dangers which may happen from Popish Recrusants, Which said Oaths (in the form prescribed by the Act of Parliament last above mentioned) and the Declaration aforesaid I am fully Authorized and Impowered to Commissionate fit Persons under the Seal of the Province aforesaid to tender and administer to the said several Persons so Elected, and it is by his Majesty's Royal Commission and Instructions declared that untill the same be so taken and subscribed No Person shall be Capable of sitting tho Elected, I therefore Reposing special trust and Confidence in the Integrity Care and Circumspection of you the said Noble Wimberly Jones, John Milledge, Archibald Bulloch, and William Young have Commissionated and appointed, and by Virtue and pursuant to the Powers vested in me as aforesaid Do give unto you or any two or more of you full power and authority to tender and adminster the Oaths in the last mentioned Act of Parliament Contained and also the Declaration above mentioned unto the Several Persons Elected or that may hereafter be Elected to serve as Members of the said General Assembly and to see them subscribe severally the said Declaration when and as often as the same shall be requisite and necessary to be done And you the said Noble Wimberly Jones, John Milledge, Archibald Bulloch and William Young are hereby required to make

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a due return of your Proceedings by Virtue of this Commission from time to time unto me under your Hands and Seals with the Names of such Members as have been duly qualified before you as aforesaid—

This Commission to Continue during Pleasure

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of his Majestys said Province of Georgia the Twenty Eighth day of October in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Nine and in the Tenth Year of the Reign of his Majesty King George the third



L. S.

JAMES WRIGHT

Secretarys Office
by his Excellencys Command

THOMAS MOODIE D^r Sec^t

| The following Members being met, Viz^t

Several Mem-
bers Qualify

Noble Wimberly Jones	} Esquires for the Town and District of Savannah in the Parish of Christ Church
John Milledge	
Archibald Bulloch	
William Young	

John Morel Esq ^r	} for the Town of Vernonburgh in the Parish of Christ Church.
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Philip Box Esq ^r	} for the Village of Acton in the Parish of Christ Church.
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William Ewen	} Esqr ^s for the District of Ebene- zer and Parish of St Mat- thew.
Samuel Farley	
Samuel Elbert	

John Mullryne, Esq^r { for the Islands of Wilmington,
Tybee, Skidaway and Greens
Island in the Parish of Christ
Church.

John Rae Esq^r for the Town of Augusta and Parish of
St Paul

William Le Conte, Esq^r for the district of Great Ogeechee
and Parish of S^t Philip.

John Glen Esq^{rs} for Halifax and Parish
Colin Reddock of S^t George

John Stevens, Esq^r for Medway and Parish of St John.

Proved themselves duly Qualified to serve as representatives according to the Terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province passed the Twenty Ninth day of June 1761 Intitled an Act to ascertain the manner and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly, And then took the Oaths, and made and subscribed the Declaration and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took their Seats—

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the
Master in Chancery—

Gentlemen

His Excellency the Governor has ordered me to acquaint you that you have his Leave and direction to proceed to the Choice of A Speaker—

Then the Members present proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker and unanimously elected Noble Wimberly Jones Esquire to be their Speaker and he was accordingly Conducted to the Chair.

The Members
proceed to the
Choice of a
Speaker.

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M^r Milledge and M^r Bulloch were ordered to attend his Excellency the Governor, and acquaint him that the Members had unanimously made Choice of Noble Wimberly Jones Esquire to be their Speaker and desire to know when they should attend his Excellency to present him, accordingly they withdrew and being returned Reported that his Excellency was pleased to say immediately—

The Speaker presented for his Excys. approbn.

M^r Milledge and M^r Bulloch were appointed a Committee, to attend his Excellency with the Speaker Elect, and present him for his Excellency's approbation, who was pleased to approve of him— and then M^r Speaker informed the House he had desired his Excellency would be pleased to Grant that this House of Assembly may have freedom of Speech as by right and of Custom they used to have and all their just Priveleges and Liberties allowed them, and that, in any thing he should deliver in the name of the House, if he committed any Mistake it may not be imputed to the House, but that he might resort again to them for decleration of their true intent and meaning, and that, as often as his Majesty's service, or the good of the Province shall require, He might by direction of the House, have free access to his Excellency, To which his Excellency was pleased to Answer, that he would Grant them every right and Privilage they could justly claim, or that they used to have, that was in his power to grant, and that whatever should be delivered in the Name of the House, if any mistake was in it he should have free liberty to resort again to the House, and correct and amend such mistake, and that the Speaker should have free access to his Person whenever the Publick Business called for it, and that his Excellency would give him, where the good of the Province required it, every Assistance and Advice in his Power.

The Speakers request of Priveleges &c.

The Governors Answer

The Spkr. Reports his Excys Speech to both Houses M^r Speaker further Reported, that his Excellency was pleased to make an Affectionate Speech to both Houses of Assembly, of which, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a Copy, and read the same, to the House in the words following Viz^t

[This is the same as already Copied in Journal of Upper House 31 Oct. 1769]

The Speech read

JAMES WRIGHT Savannah in Georgia

Council Chamber the 31st October 1769

Resolution upon the Speech

RESOLVED Nem: Com: That an humble Address of thanks be presented to His Excellency the Governor for his Speech delivered to both Houses at the opening of the present Sessions that being sensible of the many Dangers this Province is liable to from the encroachment on Lands beyond the boundary Line fixed between us and the Indians, To assure his Excellency we will proceed to consider of and frame such a Bill as may most effectually prevent so alarming an Evil— That his Excellency may rely on our serious attention to redress the Abuses complained of by the Indians respecting the Trade as now carried on amongst them, that the Difficulties are indeed greatly augmented by the Plan adopted at Home as well as the clashing Interests of the Neighbouring Colonies, that we hope their Concurrence will not be wanting in a measure so essentially beneficial to the whole, that we will use our utmost care to prevent those fatal Consequences we have too much reason to apprehend from the present General Intercourse with those Indians, That his Excellency may be assured that a due respect will be had to his Majesty's order in Coun-

cil relative to the Negroe Law (so beneficial to this Province) and that the late and present Acts together with the Patrol Law now subsisting shall be taken into Serious consideration and framed in such manner as may best answer the several salutary purposes wished for, That the Night Patrol or Town Guard Duty being absolutely requisite for our Safety and Preservation, and the present Mode of Duty appearing to be upon a Disagreeable and improper footing we will endeavour to form a Law whereby the Service may be rendered more effectual and will carefully inspect such Laws as are near expiring and revise amend and Continue those which may be of Publick Utility, That we receive with a Satisfaction equal to the Importance ^(sic) of the Subject the Notification his Excellency is pleased to assure us that he is authorized to declare that some of the many Taxes lately imposed by Parliament are intended to be taken off and that no others of the like nature will be added but deeply Concerned to observe that any unconstitutional Act should remain at the same time are not insensible of the recent Instances of encouragement afforded the Produce of America the last Session of Parliament That we are certain that none but Enemies of the Mother Country have attempted to disturb the Happiness of his Majesty's American Subjects, That it affords us additional pleasure that the Grievances of the Colonies are likely to meet with Attention and redress from the wisdom of a British Legislature, That we are bold to assert that our most gracious Sovereign has not any Subjects more grateful or more firmly attached to his Royal Person and Family than the Inhabitants of Georgia ever warmed with a becoming Zeal for the Honour of Great Britain and the true Liberties of America whose Interests must remain inseperable while fixed on the Sure and firm Basis of our excellent Constitution that we are thoroughly convinced that the Glory of the

British Empire depends on that Harmony and Unanimity which we ardently Pray may ever subsist between Great Britain and the Colonies, That we thank his Excellency for his kind offer of assistance in any matter which may tend to the Good of the Province and that we will chearfully take into our Consideration what he has been pleased to recommend to us respecting the usual and necessary Services of the Current Year.

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to his Excellency upon the said resolution and a Committee was appointed accordingly

ORDERED That his Excellency's Speech be referred to the said Committee

ORDERED That a Committee of Priveleges and
Comm. of Priv-
eleges and
Elections Ap-
pointed Elections be appointed, and a Committee was appointed accordingly, And they are to meet as often as there is occasion, and they are to take into Consideration all such matters as shall or may come in Question touching returns Elections, and Priveleges and to proceed upon double returns in the first place and to report their proceedings with their Opinions thereupon to the House from time to time And all persons who will question any Returns are to do it within fourteen days next and so within fourteen days next after any new Return shall be brought in, and the Committee are to have Power to send for Persons Papers and Records for their Information And all Members who are Returned for two or more places are to make their Election by this day Week for which of the Places they will serve provided there be no Question, upon the return for that place, and if any kind shall come in question touching the return, Election or Matter of Privelege of any Member he is to withdraw during the time the Matter is in Debate and that

all Members returned upon double returns do withdraw till their Returns are determined—

Comm. of
Grievances Ap-
pointed

ORDERED That a Committee of Grievances be appointed and a Committee was appointed accordingly and they are to Sit as often as is Necessary and they are to have power to send for Persons, Papers and Records for their Information—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From *B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday 1st November 1769

Several Mem-
bers Qualify

Benjamin Andrews Esq^r elected and returned for the Midway and Parish of S^t John—

Isaac Young Esq^r elected and returned for the District of Goshen and Abercorn in the Parish of S^t Matthew.

Proved themselves duly qualified to serve as representatives according to the Forms prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province passed the Twenty Ninth day of June 1761 Intituled an Act to ascertain the manner and form of Electing Members to Represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly and then took the Oaths and made and Subscribed the Decleration and made and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took their Seats.

Report from
the Comm. of
Priveleges and
Elections

M^r Mullryne from the Committee of Priveleges and Elections to whom was referred the double return for the District of Great Ogechee and Parish of Saint Philip

reported they had come to a Resolution which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the same in at the Table where it was again read and is as follows Viz^t

The Committee of Priveleges, and Elections, having taken under Consideration the double return for the district of Great Ogechee, and Parish of S^t Philip wherein Richard Cunningham Crooke, and Charles Odingsell Esq^r are returned, as having an equal number of Votes, that the Committee having duly weighed the Agreements, on both sides, and having obtained every Information they possibly could are of Opinion that Charles Odingsell Esq^r ought to have been returned duly elected to serve as a Representative for the district of Great Ogechee and Parish of S^t Philip—

RESOLVED That this House will take the said Report into Consideration on Monday next—

ORDERED That the Clerk do acquaint Richard Cunningham Crooke, and Charles Odingsell Esq^r that the said Report will be taken under Consideration on Monday next—

Rules of the
House

RESOLVED Nem: Con: That the following Rules be the Standing Rules of this House

[The Rules 1-30 are the same as already copied from the Journal of Commons House 27 Nov. 1764—Volume 41]

Thirty first That when the House shall adjourn or go with an Address or on other Occurrences, No Person shall rise or go out untill M^r Speaker do arise and go before and then the Members to follow, and that no Person shall walk about or interrupt the House while in Debate—

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Thirty second That there shall be the following Fees allowed to the Clerk of this House Viz^t

For drawing every Petition not exceeding one Copy Sheet of Ninety Words Five Shillings and for every Copy Sheet afterwards one Shilling but no Petition to exceed Twenty Shillings,

For Reading a Petition Three Shillings,

For passing every Private Bill Six Shillings & six-pence

For entering the Laws in a Book five pence $\frac{1}{2}$ Copy Sheet—

Engrossing the Laws five pence $\frac{1}{2}$ Copy Sheet

Entering every Paper in the Journals that is to Say Petitions and Memorials Five pence $\frac{1}{2}$ Copy Sheet Letters by order of the House to Members or any other Person Three Shillings—

For a Warrant Twenty one Shillings—

For the fair Copy of the Journals with Marginal Notes for the use of the House and Duplicates of the Journals with Marginal Notes to send to England Six pence Per Copy Sheet—

Thirty third That the following Fees shall be allowed to the Messenger of this House Viz^t

On reading every Petition one Shilling and Sixpence

For every Letter sent out by order of the House three Shillings—

For every Mile he shall travel to execute any Warrant from the Speaker Sixpence $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile to be com-

puted from the House to the place where the same shall be servyed against whom such Warrant shall be issued and paid by the Delinquent—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday November 2^d 1769

Address
reported

M^r Bulloch from the Committee appointed on Thursday last to draw up An Address to be presented to his Excellency the Governor Reported that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly which they had directed him to Report to the House, and he read the same in his Place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was again read and ordered to be Committed to a Committee of the whole House—

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Farley from the Committee Reported they had taken the said Address into Consideration And made several Amendments thereto and he read the same in his Place and afterwards delivered the Address with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read, and Agreed to by the House, Nem. Con.

ORDERED That the Address with the Amendments be Ingrossed.

The said Address being Ingrossed was read to the House in the words following Viz^t

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To his Excellency Jame ^(sic) Wright Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of his Majesty's Province of Georgia Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same—

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly

May it please your Excellency

We his Majesty's dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commons of Georgia in General Assembly met, return your Excellency our thanks for your speech delivered to us at the opening of the present Sessions, Being sensible of the many Dangers this Province is liable to from the encroachments on Lands beyond the Boundary Line fixed between us and the Indians, We assure your Excellency we will proceed to consider of and frame such a Bill as may most effectually prevent so alarming an Evil

You may Rely Sir on our serious attention to redress the Abuses complained of by the Indians respecting the Trade as now carried on amongst them the Difficulties are indeed greatly augmented by the Plan adopted at Home as well as the clashing Interests of the Neighbouring Colonies, however we hope that their Concurrence will not be wanting in a measure so essentially beneficial to the whole and we will use our utmost Care to prevent those fatal Consequences, we have too much reason to apprehend from the present general Intercourse with those Indians—

Your Excellency may be assured that a due respect will be had to his Majesty's Order in Council relative to the Negro Law (so beneficial to the Province) and that the late and present Acts together with the Patrol Law now subsisting shall be taken into serious Consideration,

and framed in such manner as may best Answer the several Salutary purposes wished for.

The Night Patrol or Town Guard Duty being absolutely requisite for our Safety and Preservation and the Present mode of Duty appearing to be upon a disagreeable and improper footing we will endeavour to form a Law whereby the service may be rendered more effectual and will carefully inspect such Laws as are near expiring and revive, amend, and Continue those which may be of Publick Utility—

We receive with a Satisfaction equal to the Importance of the subject the Notification your Excellency is pleased to assure us, you are authorised to declare that some of the many Taxes lately imposed by Parliament are intended to be taken off and that no others of the like nature will be added, but deeply Concerned to observe that any unconstitutional Acts should remain, at the same time are not insensible of the recent Instances of encouragement afforded the Produce of America, the last Session of Parliament, Certain we are Sir, that none but Enemies of the Mother Country have attempted to disturb the happiness of his Majestys American Subjects It affords us additional pleasure that the Grievances of the Colonies are likely to meet with Attention and redress from the wisdom of a British Legislature And are bold to assert that our most gracious Sovereign has not any Subjects more gratefull, or more firmly attached to his Royal Person and Family than the Inhabitants of Georgia, Ever warmed with a becoming Zeal for the Honour of Great Britain, and the true Liberties of America, whose Interests must remain inseperable, while fixed on the sure and firm Basis of our Excellent Constitution; We are thoroughly Convinced, that the Glory of the British Empire depends on that

Harmony and unanimity which we ardently Pray may ever subsist between Great Britain and her Colonies—

We thank your Excellency for your kind offer of assistance in any matter which may tend to the good of ^(sic) the good of the Province and will chearfully take into our Consideration what you have been pleased to recommend to us respecting the usual and necessary services of the Current Year.

ORDERED That M^r Speaker do sign the said address—

RESOLVED That the said address be presented to his Excellency the Governor by the whole House—

ORDERED That William Young, and M^r Stevens do know his Excellency the Governor's pleasure, when he will be attended by this House—

Call of
the House

ORDERED That the House be called over on Monday next the 6th of this Instant November—

RESOLVED That such Members who do not then attend shall be immediately proceeded against with such severity as the House shall then think proper—

M^r William Young reported to the House that his Excellency the Governor having been waited upon (pursuant to order) to know his Excellencys Pleasure when he would be attended by this House had been Pleased to appoint this afternoon at four of the Clock.

RESOLVED That this House will attend M^r Speaker to divine Service on Sunday next.

ORDERED That M^r Le Conte and M^r Young do wait on the Reverend M^r Frink and acquaint him therewith

John Simpson Esq^r of Sabine Fields elected and re-

a Member
Qualifies

turned for the Town of Frederica and Parish of S^t James proved himself duly Qualified to serve as a Representative according to the Terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province passed the Twenty Ninth day of June 1761 Intitled an Act to ascertain the manner and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly and then took the Oaths and made and subscribed the Declaration, and mad ^(sic) and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and then took his Seat as a Member of this House—

The House
attends the
Governor with
their Address

M^r Speaker with the whole House went to attend his Excellency the Governor to present the Address of this House, and being returned M^r Speaker reported that he with the whole House had attended his Excellency and Presented their address to which his Excellency was pleased to give the following Answer Viz^t

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

His Excys.
Answer

Your concurrence in Opinion that the Bills recommended by me are measures really necessary for the Publick Good, is very agreeable to me—the firm attachment of the People of Georgia to his Majestys Royal Person and Family is not in the least doubted, but the Spirit of Gratitude will best appear from Acts

I thank you for the Assurance you give me that you will chearfully take into your Consideration what I have recommended relative to the Supplies of the Current Year, But am sorry to Observe some things mentioned in other Parts of your Address in which I entirely differ in Opinion with you, but as they are matters which do not lye with us to determine, I shall not enter into any altercation about them—

JAMES WRIGHT 2^d Novem^r 1769

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ORDERED That the Clerk do furnish the Printer with a Copy of the Address of this House, and his Excellency the Governors Answer, and that the Printer do Publish the same in the next Gazette—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday, November 3^d 1769

M^r Le Conte reported to the House, that (pursuant to the order of Yesterday) himself and M^r Young had waited on the Reverend M^r Frink, and acquainted him, that M^r Speaker with the House would attend Divine Service on Sunday next, to which M^r Frink answered he would prepare a suitable Discourse on that occasion—

Indian Bill
ordered to be
brought in—

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent encroachments on Lands reserved by and for the Creek Nation of Indians and to regulate and prevent Abuses in the Indian Trade, and for punishment of Offences committed in the Several Nations of Indians within the Limits of this Government, and to prevent as much as possible the Stealing and driving away Horses and Cattle in the Back Settlements, and to repeal an Act of the General Assembly, Entitled an Act to prevent private Persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians, and for preventing Persons trading with them without Licence, and that M^r Farley, M^r Ewen, and M^r Rae be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said Bill—

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for

**Watch Bill
ordered to be
brought in—**

raising a Number of Watchmen for preserving good order in and about the Town of Savannah and for defraying the Expence thereof, and that M^r Bulloch, M^r Milledge, and M^r William Young be a Committee, to prepare and bring in the same

**Negroe Bill
ordered to be
brought in**

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for ordering and governing Slaves within this Province, for the establishing a Jurisdiction for the Trial of such Slaves, and other Persons therein mentioned, and to prevent the inveigling or Carrying away Slaves from their Masters or Employers, and that M^r Elbert, M^r Box, M^r Glen, M^r Andrew, and M^r Simpson be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday, November 4th 1769

The House met according to Adjournment, and then adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)*

Monday November 6th 1769

**Members
Qualify**

Sir Patrick Houstoun, Bar^t } Elected and returned for the
William Young, Esq^r } Parish of S^t Andrew

Edward Barnard Esq^r { elected and returned for the Town
of Augusta and Parish of S^t Paul

Proved themselves duly Qualified to serve as Repre-

sentatives agreeable to the Terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, and then took the Oaths, and made and subscribed the Declaration, and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and then took their Seats—

The House
called over

The order of the day for the House being called over, being read, the House was called over accordingly and the name of Henry Bourquin Esquire elected and returned for the District of little Ogechee, in the Parish of Christ Church, being again called over, and he not appearing, a Letter directed to M^r Speaker, signed Henry Bourquin was read, making an excuse for his Non attendance and desiring to decline taking his Seat as a Member of the House—

ORDERED That the Clerk do write Henry Bourquin Esquire that the House requires his attendance, on or before Wednesday next, to declare his Intention in Person.

Then the name of John Walton Esquire, elected and returned for the Town of Augusta, and Parish of S^t Paul, was again called over, and he not appearing, nor any excuse for his Non attendance

ORDERED That M^r Speaker do issue his Warrant to take the said John Walton into Custody of the Messenger of this House—

Then the name of Button Gwinnett, Esquire elected and returned for Medway, and Parish of Saint John, was again called over, and he not appearing nor any excuse for his Non attendance—

ORDERED That M^r Speaker do issue his Warrant to take the said Button Gwinnett into Custody of the Messenger of this House—

The other Order of the Day for taking under Consideration the Report of the Committee of Privileges, and Elections on the double return for the District of Great Ogechee, and Parish of Saint Philip being read—

ORDERED That the Consideration thereof be adjourned over till to Morrow Morning.

— ORDERED That Mr Barnard and Mr Groeme, be added to the Committee, on the Bill to prevent encroachments on Lands reserved by and for the Creek Nation of Indians, and to regulate and prevent abuses in the Indian Trade, and for punishment of Offences committed in the Several Nations of Indians, within the Limits of this Government, and to prevent as much as Possible the Stealing and driving away Horses, and Cattle, in the Back Settlements, and to repeal an Act of the General Assembly, Intituled, an Act to prevent private Persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians and for preventing Persons trading with them without Licence—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday November 7th 1769

Henry Bourquin Esquire elected and returned for the Distict of Little Ogechee, in the Parish of Christ Church (pursuant to order of Yesterday) attended the House, and in Person declined taking his Seat as a Member of this House upon Account of his ill State of health—

ORDERED That an Address be prepared and presented to his Excellency the Governor, desiring he will be pleased to give orders for issuing a Writ of Election for the District of Little Ogechee in the Parish of Christ

a Member
declines tak-
ing his Seat

Address
for a New
Member

Church, in the room of Henry Bourquin Esquire, who has declined taking his Seat as a Member of this House—

The said address being prepared was read and agreed to by the House—

ORDERED That M^r Ewen, and M^r Barnard do wait on his Excellency, and present the said address and accordingly they withdrew and being returned, M^r Barnard Reported they had waited on his Excellency and presented the address, and he was pleased to give for answer that he would give directions for issuing the said Writ—

The House
resolved into
a Comm. on
the Report of
the Comm. of
Privileges &c.

The Order of the day being read, the House took the same into Consideration, and the Report of the Committee of Privileges and Elections being read, a motion was made that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take this said Report into Consideration—

The Question being put, it passed in the Negative

Then the House proceeded to Consider further the said Report, and the Law of this Province for Electing Representatives was Read—

Then the returning Officer was called in and examined.

Then a Witness was called in and examined.

ORDERED That the further Consideration of the said Report be adjourned till four of the Clock this afternoon

M^r Speaker presented to the House, a Letter he had wrote to the Provincial Agent, pursuant to the Order of the last Assembly, and he read the same to the House in the words following, Viz^t

NOVEMBER, 1769.

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Savannah December 24th 1768

To Benjamin Franklin Esquire

Sir

a Letter
from the
Speaker to
Provincial
Agent

By direction of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia, I herewith transmit you their Address to our most gracious Sovereign, which I, on their behalf, desire you will please to have presented as soon after the Receipt as possibly may be, the manner of presenting is left to you, whether in person or otherways—

I also enclose the Resolution of the House authorizing me to transmit the same to you The House, entirely confiding in your approved Zeal for the Welfare and the Preservation of the rights and Liberties of America, make not the least Doubt of your concurring with the Agents of the other Colonies, in Endeavours to obtain a Repeal of those Acts of Parliament so grievous to his Majesty's Loyal Subjects of this Continent and destructive of that Harmony which ought to, and they earnestly wish may, subsist between our Mother Country and its Colonies, a Restoration of which, we doubt not, you and they will earnestly, warmly, and as much as possible, promote—

I am very respectfully

Sir

Y^r most Obed^t Servant

NOBLE WIMBERLY JONES, Speaker

Then Mr. Speaker informed the House, that pursuant to the Order of the last Assembly, he had wrote to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Massachusetts Bay, and to the Speaker of the House of Bur-

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gesses of the Colony of Virginia enclosing them the Resolutions of the late House to both which Letters he had as yet received no Answer—

M^r Speaker also presented to the House two Letters he had Received from Benjamin Franklin Esquire, the Provincial Agent, together with Sundry other Papers inclosed by the said Agent —

ORDERED That the said Letters be entered upon the Journals of this House—

M^r Speaker also presented a Letter from the Speaker of the House of Burgesses of the Colony of Virginia, together with a Paper Containing several Resolutions of the said House Nem: Con:

ORDERED That the said Letter and Paper Containing the said Resolution be entered upon the Journals of this House

The said Letters and Papers were read to the House in the Words following Viz^t

London April 3^d 1769

Sir

Letter
from the
Provincial
Agent

I received duely your favour of December 24th with the Address of your Commons House of Assembly to the King, I directly waited ^(sic) waited on Lord Hillsborough Secretary of State for American Affairs, and delivered it to him to be presented to his Majesty, which he assured me he would do immediately, and I understand he has transmitted the Answer to your Governor this is the present Channel of Communication chosen by his Lordship who seems to think Agents unnecessary (perhaps troublesome) and says all applications from the Colonies to Government here ought to be thro' the

hands of the Respective Governors, and thro' the same hands The Assemblies should receive the Answers, But I apprehend America, will in many Cases find this new Mode inconvenient and perhaps not readily come into it, As your Address was on Business of a Publick and very important kind, it was necessary it should be communicated to the Secretary of State and by him be laid before the King, I could not with propriety present it my Self as I might have done if it had been meerly an Address of Compliment.

The Resolutions and Address proposed by his Lordship and by the Duke of Bedford of which I send you a Copy passed both Houses and the King in his Answer to the address has promised to give the Orders they request of him, They did not pass without opposition in the Commons, several of our Friends spoke warmly against them, some of the arguments used you will see in a printed Speech, of which I send you a copy—

It was as well that you did not send Petitions to the Lords and Commons, they would not have been received if they Contained any Expressions denying the right of Parliament to tax us Pensilvania, and New York, are the only Provinces who have Petitioned Parliament, and their Petitions have been refused—

The Agents however, have done their utmost by Separate Sollicitations to Obtain a Repeal of the Injurious Acts, but hitherto in vain And we are told, it is not to be expected this Sessions Hints are indeed given, that if every thing remains quiet in America, possibly, they may be repealed next Year and probably none of the like Kind will ever be made hereafter, but the Possibilities and Probabilities are not much relyd on by our Friends who think that if we bear without Complaining

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another Year, it will be supposed that we may bear forever, and all thoughts of repealing will be dropt—

Certainly nothing can be of more Importance to the Welfare of the whole British Empire than what you recommend, a Restoration of that Harmony which heretofore subscribed ^(sic) between the Mother Country and its Colonies The Agents earnestly wish it and will endeavour it by all possible means consistent with the just rights and essential Privileges of their Constituents—

The Secretary at War, on occasion of continuing the Act for Quartering Troops in America talk'd of proposing a Clause for enabling the Officers in case of Necessity to quarter the Soldiers in private Houses, This alarmed us greatly as it would always be in the Power of the Military to create the Necessity by bringing more Troops to any Place they had a mind to distress, than the Publick Houses, or Barracks could accomodate We therefore opposed it so strongly that the Ministry disownd the Measure, and the Secretary was obliged to give it up, On the other Hand the Act is made rather more favourable than it was being declared not to extend to any Colony, that has or shall make such Provision by Acts of its own for Quartering the Troops as shall have received the Kings Assent, and even leaving the Mode open to be varied by an Agreement between the Magistrates and Officers, I inclose a Copy of the Act as it passed—

I send you also a Pamphlet which I think very well written in our Favour, and therefore have distributed many of them the author is yet unknown, Be pleased to present my best respects to your Assembly when you

have one, and assure them of my most faithful Services—

I am with great Regard

Sir

Your most Obed^t and most hum. Serv^t

B. FRANKLIN

P S. April 21. The Ships not being sailed, I have an opportunity of informing you, that, on Wednesday last, a Motion was mad ^(sic) in the House of Commons for repealing the Duty Acts, which was supported by Gen. Conway, Sir George Saville, and a number of our Friends, but not carried, An Act, however, will pass, for granting a Bounty, during 21 Years, on all raw Silk imported from the Colonies, of £25 for every £100 value during the first Seven Years £20 for D^o during the next Seven Years, and £15 for D^o during the last Seven Years, The Act permitting the exportation of Rice from Carolina and Georgia to more Southern Parts of America is also Continued—

London June 7th 1769

Sir

I did my self the Honour of writing you on the 3^d of the last Month, since when the Parliament has risen without repealing the Duties that have been so generally complained of but we are now assured by the Ministry that the Affairs of America have been lately Considered in Council; that it was the unanimous Opinion no new Acts, for the purpose of Raising a Revenue in America, should be made here, and that it was the full Intention of his Majesty's Servants to propose early in the ensuing Session, the Repeal of the Duties on Glass, Paper, and Painters Colours, Believing this News would be agreeable to our Friends I take the first opportunity of communi-

cating it to you and hope that nothing will happen in the mean time to change the favourable Sentiments towards us, which apparently begin to take place in the minds of his Majesty and his Ministers Possibly we may not at first obtain all we desire or all that ought to be granted us, but the giving Ground to us in some degree has a good Aspect and affords Room to hope, that gradually every Obstruction to that Cordial Amity, so necessary for the Welfare of the whole Empire will be removed Indeed I wish, as I think it would be best, that this could be done at once, But 'tis perhaps too much to expect, considering the Pride Natural to a great Nation, the Prejudices that have so universally prevailed here with Regard to the Point of Right, and the Resentment at our disputing it, I shall however remain here another Session, with a View to Join in Endeavours with other Agents to obtain a Repeal as General as possible of all American Revenue Acts, If I can at the same time render any Acceptable Service to your Province in Particular, tho' you should not think proper to Continue the appointment it will be a very great Pleasure to me, Be pleased to present my best Respects to the Assembly and Believe me to be very respectfully,

Sir

Your most Obed^t h^{ble} Servant

B. FRANKLIN

To Noble Wim^y Jones, Esq^r

Virginia, 19th May 1769

Sir

The House of Burgesses met on the 8th Instant, on the 16th they took into their serious Consideration the State of this Colony, and in the Course of their Deliberations, being alarmed at the Distress in which all America

is likely to be involved, came to several necessary Resolutions, Copies of which they have given me particular Directions to transmit without Delay to the Speakers of the Several Houses of Assembly on this Continent, and to request their Concurrence therein—

In Obedience to their Order, I now, Sir, Enclose you a Copy of those Resolutions, and am persuaded the Importance of the Subject will be Sufficient to engage the immediate attention of your Respectable House, and the Circumstances of America, evince the Propriety of their Conduct—

His Excellency the Governor thought fit on the 17th to dissolve the Assembly, However, discouraging this Reprehension may be, yet we hope that our loyalty, and affection to His Majesty, our regard to the true Interests of our Mother Country, and our Inclinations, to terminate this unhappy dispute, will be made manifest, and will in the end dispose our Gracious Sovereign to interpose in our favour, and to procure for his Injured People the Redress they most humbly ask for—

I am with the greatest Respect

Your most Obedient Servant

PEYTON RANDOLPH.

Tuesday, the 16th May 9th Geo: III. 1769.

Report of the
Committee in
the House of
Burgesses
Virginia

M^r Blair reported from the Committee of the whole House to whom it was referred to consider of the present State of the Colony that they had come to several Resolutions, which he read in his place and afterwards delivered in at the Clerks Table where the same were Read, and are as followeth, Viz^t

RESOLVED, that That it is the Opinion of this Com-

mittee, that the sole right of imposing Taxes on the Inhabitants of this his Majesty's Colony and Dominion of Virginia is now, and ever hath been, legally and constitutionally vested in the House of Burgesses lawfully convened, according to the antient and established practice, with the Consent of the Council, and of his Majesty the King of Great Britain, or his Governor for the time being—

RESOLVED, that That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it is the undoubted Privilege of the Inhabitants of this Colony to Petition their Sovereign for Redress of Grievances, and that it is Lawful and expedient to procure the Concurrence of his Majesty's other Colonies in dutiful Addresses, praying the Royal Interposition in favour of the Violated Rights of America—

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that all Trials for Treason, Misprison of Treason, or for any Felony, or Crime whatsoever committed and done in this his Majesty's said Colony and Dominion, by any Person, or Persons, residing therein, ought of Right be had and Conducted in and before his Majesty's Courts held within the said Colony according to the fixed and known Course of Proceeding and that the Seizing any Person or Persons residing in this Colony, suspected of any Crime whatsoever committed therein, and sending such Person or Persons to Places beyond the Sea to be tried, is highly derogatory of the Rights of British Subjects, as thereby the inestimable privelege of being tried by a Jury from the Vicinage as well as the Liberty of Summoning and producing Witnesses on such Trial, will be taken away from the Party accused—

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that an humble, dutiful and loyal Address, be presented

to his Majesty, to assure him of our inviolate attachment to his Sacred Person and Government and to beseech his Royal Interposition, as the Father of all his People however remote from the Seat of his Empire, to quit the minds of his loyal Subjects of this Colony, and to avert from them those Dangers and Miseries which will ensue from the Seizing and carrying beyond Sea any Persons residing in America suspected of any Crime whatsoever, to be tried in any other Manner than by the ancient and long established Course of Proceeding—

The said Resolutions being severally read a Second time

RESOLVED, Nem : Con : That the House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolutions—

ORDERED That the Speaker of this House do transmit, without delay to the Speaker of the Several Houses of Assembly on this Continent a Copy of the resolutions now agreed to by this House, requesting their Concurrence therein—

A true Copy extracted from the Journals of the House of Burgesses

G. WYTHE, C. H. B.

ORDERED That the said Letters and Paper do lye upon the Table to be perused by the Members of this House—

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to inspect such Laws and Ordinances of this Province that are expired, or near expiring, or may want amendment and report their opinion thereon to the House and a Committee was appointed accordingly. Committed to M^r Grōeme,

Committee to inspect the Laws Ordered

M^r Farley, M^r Ewen, M^r William Young and Sir Patrick Houstoun

Two Messages from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery.

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly.

Message from his Excellency the Governor

I am to acquaint you that the Address of the House of Assembly to his Majesty on the Subject of the Revenue Laws, was by the Earl of Hillsborough presented to the King, and altho his Majesty Considered the Transmission of that Address, through any other Channel, than that of his Governor, as Irregular, and disrespectful, yet his Majesty has not weighed the Contents of it with the less attention, but finding that it does both in the Letter, and in the Spirit of it deny and draw into Question the Authority of Parliament to Enact Laws binding upon the Colonies in all Cases whatever, his Majesty has signified to me that he does on this Account disapprove of the said Address, being firmly resolved to support the Constitution as by Law Established, and not to Countenance any Claims inconsistant with its true Principles

JAMES WRIGHT

Savannah 7th of November 1769

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

Another Message from his Excy.

A Law having been passed in Great Britain, for further encouraging the Growth and Culture of Raw Silk, in his Majesty's Colonies, or Plantations in America, in which Considerable Premiums are allowed and given for Twenty one Years to Come, has occasioned a discontinuance of the Annual Bounty usually Granted to promote the Culture of that Commodity in this Province, and I am directed to propose and recommend to you to take such measures by Premiums, or otherwise, as may

induce the People to enter with Vigour upon so useful and profitable a Cultivation, If therefore you think the Circumstances of your Constituents will bear, or admit of giving any such encouragement, I doubt not but you will do it, But if you should be of Opinion, that the People cannot bear any Burthen of this Sort, and can point out to me any Method that I shall approve of, by which a moderate Sum of Money may be beneficially applied and of real use towards promoting the purposes aforesaid, I shall recommend it Home in the Strongest Terms and possibly it may be obtained

JAMES WRIGHT Savannah the 7th of Novem^r 1769

ORDERED That the said Messages do lye upon the Table to be persused by the Members of the House—

The House according to Order took into further Consideration the order of the day, on the Report of the Committee of Priveleges and Elections, on the double return for Great Ogechee, and Parish of Saint Philip.
Proceedings on the Ogechee Election

And the Returning Officer was again called and examined, Then another Witness was called in and examined.

Then the first Witness was called in and examined again

Then Charles Odingsell and Richard Cunningham Crooke Esquires were directed to withdraw.

Then the Report of the Committee of Priveleges and Elections on the said double Return was again read.

The Question was put whether this House will agree with their Committee in the said Report, it passed in the Affirmative—

RESOLVED That Charles Odingsell Esquire is duly Elected a Representative for the District of Great Ogeechee and Parish of Saint Philip—

ORDERED That the Provost Marshall, with the Returning Officer, do attend this House to Morrow Morning to Amend the Return for Great Ogeechee and Parish of Saint Philip by razing out the name of Richard Cunningham Crooke Esquire, and that the name of William Le Conte Esquire a freeholder of the said Parish, whose Vote was refused at the said Election be added to the Poll.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock-

(*From B. P. R. O.—B: of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday November 8th 1769

Further proceedings on the Ogeechee Election

The Provost Marshall with the Returning Officer for Great Ogeechee, and Parish of St Philip attended according to Order and amended the return for the said District and Parish, and added the name of William Le Conte Esq^r to the Poll.

Then Charles Odingsell, Esquire proved himself duly Qualified to serve as a Representative for the said District and Parish, according to the terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, and then took the Oaths and made and subscribed the Declaration, and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and then took his Seat as a Member of this House

Henry Preston ordered into Custody

It appearing to the House, that Henry Preston Esquire the Returning Officer for Great Ogeechee, and

Parish of Saint Philip had peremptorily refused to take the Vote of a Freeholder at the said Election.

ORDERED That M^r Speaker do issue his Warrant to take the said Henry Preston into Custody of the Messenger of this House—

ORDERED That all persons having demands against the Publick do deliver in their Accounts properly attested to the Clerk of this House, on or before the first day of December next.

ORDERED That Notice thereof be published in the Gazette

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday November 9th 1769

The House being informed that Henry Preston Esq^r
Proceedings
against Henry
Preston in Custody of the Messenger, had spoke certain Words in a Publick manner highly reflecting upon the Honour of the House.

RESOLVED That this House will take the said matter under Consideration to Morrow Morning

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday November 10th 1769

his Petition

A Petition from Henry Preston Esq^r was presented to the House and read, Setting forth, that the Petitioner being unfortunately under the Censure of the House, is in Custody of the Messenger by Virtue of a Warrant under the hand and Seal of the Honourable Speaker, The Petitioner assures the House, that he is under the greatest anxiety for having in any manner Acted so as to deserve that Censure, and that, in whatever Light it may have appeared, he hopes the Act will be Considered to the inadvertency, and inexperience, in matters of the like nature, That the Petitioner is deeply Concerned for the Commission of such involuntary and unmeaning Error, That the Petitioner's real and unfeigned Regret, in being under such unhappy Circumstances, is greatly heightened, by some indiscreet and imprudent expressions being said to have been uttered by him since his Confinement relating to the House, the Veracity of the Information the Petitioner will not pretend to Call in doubt, but, at the same time, if any extenuation of such an improper Conduct (of which the Petitioner retains not the least remembrance) can be admitted, he hopes and begs, that the House, favourably Considering the Situation the Petitioner was then in, and the Anguish of Mind that must be the Natural Consequence of such a Situation, will please to admit it as some excuse for an Offence which he is very sincerely sorry for having Committed, and which he hopes the House will generally excuse, and overlook and that the Petitioner may be discharged from his present disagreeable Confinement

ORDERED That the Consideration of the said Petition be postponed till the Order of the day be Considered.

Then the House proceeded to take into Consideration the order of the day and—

Further proceedings against H. Preston

RESOLVED That Henry Preston Esq^r in Custody of the Messenger did Speak Certain Words in a Publick manner highly reflecting upon the Honor of the House—

Then the House proceeded to take under Consideration that part of the Petition which respects the order of the day and—

ORDERED That Henry Preston Esq^r in Custody of the Messenger be brought to the Bar of the House on Monday next, be obliged to acknowledge his fault, ask Pardon of the House, be reprimanded by M^r Speaker and then remanded back into Custody of the Messenger.

Wharfage Bill ordered

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate and ascertain the rates of Wharfage of Shipping and Merchandise and also to ascertain the rates of Storage in the several Ports of this Province and for the better Regulation of Wharfs and of Shipping in the said Ports and for appointing the Duty of a Harbour Master for the Port of Savannah and that M^r Ewen, M^r William Young, M^r LeConte, M^r Odingsell, and M^r Elbert, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same—

Town and Common Bill ordered

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better ascertaining the several Towns, and Commons therein mentioned, that M^r Barnard, M^r Ewen, and M^r Glen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor together with the papers therein mentioned were presented to the House by the Master in Chancery.

And the said Message was Read to the House in the Words following Viz^t

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

a Message from
his Excy. the
Govr.

I now Send you the usual Estimate for the support of Government from the 29th September 1769 to the 29th September 1770, and must remind you to examine what Certificates are now out which by any Law or Laws are directed to be sunk, this seems to me to be very necessary not only to preserve the Publick Faith and Credit but that too great a Load of Debt may not come upon the Province at once and I have directed the Treasurer to give you every Information you may have occasion for from his Office.

The expence of attending the Settlement of Wrightsborough, there was an absolute necessity of incurring without your Concurrence, for those People had Removed here with their Families on the Faith and Credit of a Provincial Law giving them Encouragement so to do, altho' before they came that Law was Repealed, and at the time of their application to have the Lands laid out and the Advantages promised by the Province there was no Assembly existing and on my Consulting the Gentlemen of the Council on the Occasion, we were all unanimous in Opinion they had a right to expect to be accomodated Agreeable to the Terms of the Repealed Law and therefore proceeded accordingly, Which Measure I can have no doubt but you will approve of and provide for the Expence attending the same the great progress already made by the People of this Settlement, gives a most pleasing Prospect of its Utility and Consequence to the Province, and if they are but protected from further thefts and Injuries from the Indians for a Year or two I think it will soon become a Considerable Settlement.

It is always with Reluctuance that I mention articles of Expence to you, but in my Station 'tis an indispensable Duty in me to lay every matter before you that I judge to be materially necessary for the Publick Good and

Safety and I must therefore recommend to your Consideration the present State of Fort George on Cockspur Island and for your better Information I send you Captain Powell's Report to me Relative thereto on the Twenty fifth of last Month, and on this Head shall only Observe that it is a Key to our Port, that it commands and inforces a due Observance of Several of our Laws and which would otherwisi be as mere dead Letters, and without that Check or Security Epedimecal, and Contagious diseases might be brought into our Town, and possibly spread into the Country unknown to us, till it might be too late to prevent the fatal Consequences of them.

I have heard it thrown out as tho' Tybee Isband was a properer Place for a Fort, but I can by no means be of this Opinion, and am pretty certain, whoever views with due attention the different Situations, will conclude that there is none equal to Cockspur, or that can with Convenience, if at all, answer the Several purposes necessary, Probably a Fort might be more secure from the Surge and Effects of the Sea if it was somewhat further from the Point But if the Present Fort has a little Repair, and further Security, which I conceive cannot amount to any Great Sum, it may stand several Years, which will give both time and Ability to do something more Considerable and effectual, but even the Name of a Fort, tho' not of any great Strength, yet has its uses

JAMES WRIGHT

Savannah 10th November 1769,

And then the Titles of the said Papers were severally read.

ORDERED That the said Message and Papers do lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members of this House.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday November 11th 1769.

The House met according to adjournment, and then adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday November 13th 1769

further proceedings
against
H. Preston

Henry Preston Esquire in Custody of the Messenger being brought to the Bar of the House, acknowledged his fault for speaking certain words highly reflecting on the Honour of the House, asked Pardon, was Repremon-
ded by M^r Speaker, and remanded back into Custody of the Messenger.

Message from
the Upper
House

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery, that the upper House have passed a Bill, Intit-
led, An Act to Amend an Act for the Relief of Debtors who may be Confined in Goal, and are unable to support themselves during such their Confinement, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

Indian Bill Pre-
sented

M^r Farley, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent encroachments upon the Lands reserved by and for the Creek Nation of Indians, and to Regulate and prevent abuses in the Indian Trade, and for the punishment of Offences committed in the Several Nations of Indians within the Limits of this Govern-
ment, and to prevent, as much as possible, the Stealing and driving away Horses, and Cattle in the back Settlements, and to Repeal an Act of the General Assembly, Intit-
led, an Act to prevent private Persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians, and for preventing Persons from Trading with them without Licence, reported they had

prepared the same, which was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a Second time.

Motion was made, that the House take under Consideration the Grievances which the four Southern Parishes of this Province, Viz^t Saint David, Saint Patrick, Saint Thomas and Saint Mary, Labour under, from the want of Representatives in General Assembly.

RESOLVED That this House will take the same into Consideration on Wednesday next.

And then the House adjourne till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From *B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday November 14th 1769

Proceedings against Button Guinnett and

Motion was made, that Button Guinnett Esquire elected and Returned one of the Representatives for Medway, and Parish of Saint John, in Custody of the Messenger, be admitted, and he was accordingly called in and made excuse, that he had been prevented by a Severe fit of Sickness from attending his Service in Assembly, being confined to his Bed till within these four days which excuse was accepted by the House for his Non attendance before that time, and then he withdrew

ORDERED That the said Button Gwinnett Esquire be discharged out of Custody of the Messenger

Then the said Button Guinnett Esquire being again Called in proved himself duly Qualified to serve as a Representative, agreeable to the Terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, and then took the Oaths, and made and subscribed the Declar-

ation, and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and then took his Seat as a Member of this House.

John Walton
Esqrs.

Motion was made that John Walton Esquire, elected and returned for Augusta, and Parish of Saint Paul in Custody of the Messenger be admitted, and he was accordingly called in, and made an excuse for his non-attendance upon Account of his private Concerns, and then he withdrew.

RESOLVED That the said excuse is by no means satisfactory

ORDERED That the said John Walton Esquire, be discharged out of Custody of the Messenger, paying his Fees.

Then the said John Walton, Esquire being again called in, acquainted the House, that his private Concerns being altered since his Election, he was under the Necessity of declining to take his Seat as a Member of this House.

ORDERED That an Address be prepared and presented to his Excellency the Governor desiring that he will be pleased to give orders for issuing a Writ of Election for Augusta, and Parish of Saint Paul, in the Room of John Walton Esquire who has declined taking his Seat.

The said Address being prepared was read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That M^r Barnard and M^r Ewen, do wait on his Excellency the Governor and present the said address and accordingly they withdrew, and being Returned, M^r Barnard Reported they had waited on his Excellency and presented the Address, and that he was pleased to give for answer that he would give directions for issuing the said Writ immediately.

ORDERED That the Clerk do make out an extract of the Journals of this House relative to the Contested Election between Charles Odingsell and Richard Cunningham Crooke Esquires and that the same be published in the next Gazette

*Further proceedings
against
H. Preston*

The House took under Consideration the first part of the Petition of Henry Preston Esquire in Custody of the Messenger and the said Henry Preston was called in and examined.

Then a Witness was called in and examined And

The said Henry Preston being again called in assured the House that his Refusal of the Vote of a Freeholder at the Election for Great Ogeechee and Parish of Saint Philip proceeded from an Error in Judgment and not from Design, and upon his humbly asking Pardon of the House for the fault he had Committed—

is discharged

ORDERED That the said Henry Preston be discharged out of Custody of the Messenger of this House upon paying his Fees—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday November 15th 1769

*Bill to prevent
Stealing Horses
&c. ordered* ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent Stealing of Horses and neat Cattle, and the more effectual discovery and punishment of such Persons as shall unlawfully Kill, Mark or brand the same, and that M^r Gröeme, M^r Ewen and M^r Gwinnett be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Said Bill

The order of the day being Read the House took the same into Consideration and—

Address relative to the Want of Representatives for the four Southern Parishes Resolved on

RESOLVED That an humble Address be prepared and presented to his Excellency the Governor setting forth in the warmest manner the Grievances the four Southern Parishes of this Province Viz^t Saint Davids, Saint Patricks, Saint Thomas's and Saint Mary's labour under from the want of Representatives in the Commons House of Assembly and desiring he will be pleased to give orders for issuing Writs of Election to Elect a Representative for each of the said Parishes.

ORDERED That M^r Simpson, M^r Groeme and M^r Guinnett, be a Committee to prepare an Address, to be presented to his Excellency the Governor upon the said Resolution—

The ingrossed Bill from the upper House Intitled, an Act to Amend an Act, for the Relief of Debtors, who may be Confined in Goal and are unable to support themselves during such their Confinement, was Read the first time, and Ordered to be read a Second time.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday November 16th 1769

M^r Groeme from the Committee appointed yesterday to draw up an Address to be presented to his Excellency the Governor Reported they had prepared the Address accordingly which he was directed to Report to the House and he read the same in his Place and afterwards deliv-

The said Address Reported

ered it in at the Table where the same was again Read and Agreed to by the House

ORDERED That the said Address be Ingossed

The Address
Ingrossed

The said Address being Ingrossed was read to the House in the words following Viz^t

To his Excellency James Wright Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of his Majesty's Province of Georgia Chancellor, and Vice Admiral of the Same

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly

May it please your Excellency

and Read

We his Majesty's Dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons of Georgia in General Assembly met beg leave to represent to your Excellency that having taken into our Serious Consideration the great Grievance which our Fellow Subjects the Freeholders of the Parishes of Saint David, Saint Patrick, Saint Thomas and Saint Mary, have laboured under ever since the Year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty four from the want of Representatives in the Commons House of Assembly At which time his Majesty was most graciously pleased to annex to this Province that fertile and Valuable Tract of Country Ceded to him, by his Enemies, after a Glorious and successfull tho' expensive War and which hath since been Constituted and divided into the four above mentioned Parishes by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, and Considering that those our Fellow Citizens are by the want of Such Representation deprived of that most Valuable and inestimable Privelege the Right of Consenting by their Representatives to all Laws by which either their Persons Property or Lives are to be affected,

And at the same time apprehending that his Majesty most undoubtedly intended that his Subjects inhabiting that part of his Dominion should be intitled to every Right Privilege and Immunity claimed or enjoyed by any of his other Subjects which is evident from his Royal Proclamation issued at that time and as his Majesty has always shewed the greatest generosity and Paternal affection in promoting the Settlement of his New Colonies.

We humbly Conceive that Nothing will more effectually contribute towards the Speedy improvement and Cultivation of those Lands than an equal Representation of the freeholders possessing the Same in the Commons House of Assembly by which we shall be enabled to receive information of what is necessary for accomplishing these good purposes and to pass Laws for making an Open Communication between them and the other parts of the Province and other necessary Services and also Constitutionally to impose Taxes upon them and grant to his Majesty such Aids as we from time to time shall think necessary towards the support of his Government.

We therefore request that your Excellency will be pleased to give orders for immediately issuing Writs of Election to chuse a Representative for each of the said Parishes which we apprehend may be Sufficient untill the Number of the Inhabitants shall be encreased, that thereby the above Grievances may be redressed.

RESOLVED That the said Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor by the whole House

ORDERED That M^r Groeme and M^r Simpson do know his Excellency the Governor's Pleasure when he will be attended by this House and accordingly they withdrew, and being returned M^r Groeme reported, that, pursuant to order, they had waited upon his Excellency to know his pleasure when he would be attended by the House, and

that he was pleased to say he should be ready to receive the House immediately—

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the whole House, went to attend his Excellency the Governor to present this Address and being returned Mr Speaker reported, that, he with the whole House, had attended his Excellency and presented their address, to which his Excellency was pleased to give the following Answer—

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

The Governors
Answer It is certainly Just and right that every Parish or District in the Province should be represented, but I don't know whether it is in my power to comply with your request by issuing Writs to Elect Representatives for the four Parishes mentioned in your address, I have an Instruction by which I am directed not to add or diminish the number of the Assembly but I shall carefully examine my Instructions relative to this matter and, if I think myself at Liberty to issue Writs, I will do it, if otherwise, I will immediately state the matter Home, and desire to be further Instructed, and doubt not but I shall receive Orders to issue Writs accordingly.

JAMES WRIGHT 16th November 1769

Negroes Bill
read the first
time Mr Glen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for Ordering and governing Slaves within this Province, and for establishing a Jurisdiction for the trial of Such Slaves, and other Persons therein mentioned, and to prevent the inveigling or Carrying away Slaves from their Masters, Owners, or Employers, reported they had prepared the same, which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time—

The Ingrossed Bill from the upper House Intituled an
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*Ingrossed Bill
for the Relief
of Debtors read
Second time*

Act, for the Relief of Debtors who may be Confined in Goal, and are unable to support themselves during such their Confinement was read a Second time, and ordered to be Committed

ORDERED That M^r Gwinnett and M^r LeConte, be added to the Gentlemen upon the Committee to inspect such Laws and Ordinances of this Province that are expired, or near expiring, or may want Amendment—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday November 17th 1769

*Indian Bill read
a Second time
and*

The Bill, Intitled, an Act to prevent Encroachments upon the Lands reserved by and for the Creek Nation of Indians, to regulate and prevent Abuses in the Indian Trade, and for the punishment of Offences committed in the Several Nations of Indians within the Limits of this Government and to prevent as much as possible, the Stealing and driving away Horses and Cattle in the back Settlements and to Repeal an Act of the General Assembly, Intitled, an Act, to prevent private persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians and for preventing Persons from Trading with them without Licence, was read a Second time and ordered to be Committed immediately to a Committee of the whole House—

Committed

The House resolved itself into a Committee Accordingly, and, after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, And M^r Bulloch from the Committee Reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration,

and made some progress therein, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again

ORDERED That the Committee have Leave to sit again

And the the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday, November 18th 1769

The House met according to adjournment, and then adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday November 20th 1769

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take Further Com-
mitt. of the In-
dian Bill into further Consideration the Bill intitled an Act to prevent Incroachments upon the Lands reserved by and for the Creek Nation of Indians, to Regulate and prevent abuses in the Indian Trade, and for the punishment of Offences committed in the Several Nations of Indians, within the Limits of this Government, and to prevent, as much as possible, the Stealing and driving away Horses and Cattle in the back Settlements, and to Repeal an Act of the General Assembly, Intitled, an Act to prevent private Persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians and for preventing persons trading with them without Licence, and, after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r. Bulloch from the Committee Reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration gone through the same, and made several

Amendments thereto, which he was directed to report when the House will please to receive the Same—

ORDERED That the said Report be received on Wednesday Week—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday November 21st 1769

Negroe Bill
read a 2d time

The Bill, intitled, an Act for ordering and governing Slaves within this Province and for establishing a Jurisdiction for the trial of such Slaves, and other Persons therein mentioned, and to prevent the inveigling or Carrying away Slaves from their Masters, Owners or Employers, was read the Second time and ordered to be Committed to a Committee of the whole House

Wharfage Bill
read 1st time

M^r Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to regulate and ascertain the Rates of Wharfage, of Shipping and Merchandise, and also to ascertain the Rates of Storage in the Several Ports of this Province, and for the better regulation of Wharfs and of Shipping in the said Ports, and for appointing the Duty of a Harbour Master for the Port of Savannah, Reported they had prepared the same, which was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a Second time.

Negroe Bill
Committed

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into Consideration the Bill, intitled, an Act for ordering and governing Slaves within this Province and for establishing a Jurisdiction for the trial of such Slaves and other Persons therein mentioned, and to prevent the inveigling or Carrying away Slaves from

their Masters, Owners, or Employers, and, after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Glen from the Committee Reported, that they had taken the said Bill into Consideration, and made some progress therein, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again

ORDERED That the Committee have Leave to sit again

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday November 22^d 1769

Further Commt
of the Negro
Bill

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill entitled an Act for ordering and Governing Slaves within this Province and for establishing a Jurisdiction for the trial of such Slaves and other Persons therein mentioned, and to prevent the inveigling, and carrying away Slaves from their Masters, Owners, or Employers, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Glen from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration, and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again—

ORDERED That the Committee have Leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock .

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday November 23^d 1769

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into further Consideration that ^(sic) the Bill entitled an Act for ordering and governing Slaves within this Province and for establishing a Jurisdiction for the Trial of such Slaves and other Persons therein mentioned, and to prevent the inveigling and Carrying away Slaves from their Masters, Owners, or Employers and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Glen from the Committee Reported that they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration gone through the same and made several Amendments thereto which he was directed to report when the House will please to receive the same—

ORDERED That the said Report be received on Saturday Morning next—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday November 24th 1769

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Saturday November 25th 1769.

Report from
the Comm on
the Negroe Bill

M^r Glen (pursuant to order) reported from the Committee of the whole House to whom the Bill for ordering and governing Slaves within this Province and for establishing a Jurisdiction for the trial of such Slaves and other Persons therein mentioned and to prevent the inveigling and carrying away Slaves from their Masters, Owners or Employers was Committed, the Amendments which the Committee has made to the Bill and which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were read and agreed to by the House—

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be Ingrossed

Ingd. Bill for
the Relief of
Debtors Com-
mitted

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into Consideration the Ingrossed Bill from the Upper House, intitled an Act to Amend an Act, for the Relief of Debtors who may be confined in Goal and are unable to support themselves during such their Confinement and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Ewen from the Committee reported they had gone through the said Bill and that he was directed by the Committee to report the same without any Amendments—

ORDERED That the said Bill be read a third time on the Twenty fifth day of June next

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to Amend an Act intitled an Act for encouraging the Cultivation of Hemp, Flax, and Wheat, and for Regulating the Inspection of Hemp Flax, and Wheat flour and that

M^r Groeme M^r Ewen and M^r Stevens do prepare and bring in the same—

And then the House adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday November 27th 1769

The Bill intitled an Act to regulate and ascertain the Rates of Wharfage of Shipping and Merchandise, and also to ascertain the Rates of Storage in the Several Ports of this Province and for the better Regulating of Wharfs and of Shipping in the said Ports, and for appointing the Duty of a Harbour Master for the Port of Savannah was Read a Second time and ordered to be Committed to a Committee of the Whole House

a Member
Qualifies

William Deveaux Esquire elected and Returned for the District of Little Ogeechee in the Parish of Christ Church, proved himself duly Qualified to serve as a Representative agreeable to the Terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, and then took the Oaths and made and Subscribed the Declaration and took and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and then took his Seat—

Motion being made that Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intitled an Act for the more easy and Speedy Recovery of small Debts and damages the Question was put and passed in the Negative

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday November 28th 1769

Wharfage Bill
in a Committee
of the Whole
House

The House Resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take under Consideration the Bill intitled an Act to Regulate and ascertain the Rates of Wharfage of Shipping and Merchandise and also to ascertain the Rates of Storage in the several Ports of this Province and for the better Regulation of Wharfs and of Shipping in the said Ports and for appointing the Duty of a Harbour Master for the Port of Savannah and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Bulloch from the Committee Reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and made some progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again—

ORDERED That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Presentments
of the Grand
Jury presented
by the Clerks
of the Crown
and Peace

The House being informed that the Clerks of the Crown and peace attended at the Door, they were called in and at the Bar of the House delivered in a Paper intitled Presentments of the Grand Jury, and Orders thereon to be laid before the Legislature, and then they withdrew and then the Title of the said Paper was Read

OBDERED That the said Paper do lye upon the Table to be perused by the Members of this House

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday November 29th 1769

Report from
the Comm. on
the Indian Bill

M^r Bulloch (according to order) reported from the Committee of the Whole House to whom the Bill to prevent Incroachments upon the Lands reserved by and for the Creek Nation of Indians and to Regulate and prevent abuses in the Indian Trade, and for the punishment of offences committed in the several Nations of Indians within the Limits of this Government and to prevent as much as possible the Stealing and driving away Horses and Cattle in the back Settlements and to Repeal an Act of the General Assembly intitled an Act to prevent private persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians and for preventing Persons Trading with them without Licence, was Committed, the Amendments which the Committee had made to the Bill and which they had directed him to Report to the House and he read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were Read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed

Title Altered

RESOLVED That the Title of the said Bill shall be a Bill intitled an Act to prevent private Persons from Incroaching upon or purchasing any of the Lands reserved for the Indians or trading with them without Licence, and also to repeal an Act Intitled an Act to prevent Private Persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians and for preventing Persons trading with them without Licence.

Further Comm.
of the Wharf-
age Bill

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, to take into further Consideration the Bill intitled an Act to regulate and ascertain the rates of

Wharfage of Shipping and Merchandise and also to ascertain the rates of Storage in the Several Ports in this Province and for the better Regulation of Wharfs and of Shipping in the said Ports and for appointing the Duty of a Harbour Master for the Port of Savannah and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair And Mr Bulloch from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration and made some further progress therein, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

ORDERED That the further Commitment of the said Bill be on Tuesday next.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday November 30th 1769

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday December 1st 1769

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday December 2^d 1769

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday December 4th 1769.

ORDERED That the Commissioners for the Town and Common of Savannah do lay a state of their Proceedings and Accounts before this House on or before this day Sen'night and that the Commissioners be served with a Copy of this Order.

Address to the Governor about the Treaties entered into with the Indians

RESOLVED That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor that he will be pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House the Treaties he has entered into with the Indians respecting the Line lately run, and marked, by which the House will be Enabled more fully to deliberate and determine (how far they can consistent with the Duty they owe to their Constituents) enable his Excellency to comply with the Promise made the Indians alluded to in his speech at the opening of the Session

ORDERED That the said Address be presented to his Excellency by M^r Guinnett and M^r Bulloch.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday ^(sic) December 5th 1769

Report on the the said Ad-
(sic)
dress

M^r Guinnett reported to the House that their Address of Yesterday (that his Excellency would be pleased to give directions that the Treaties he had entered into with the Indians respecting the Line lately run and marked be laid before this House) had been presented to his Excellency, and that his Excellency had desired him to ac-

quaint this House, that he would Send an Answer to
Morrow Morning.

The House (according to order) resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill intitled an Act to Regulate and ascertain the Rates of Wharfage of Shipping and Merchandize, and also to ascertain the Rates of Storage in the several Ports in this Province and for the better Regulations of Wharfs and of Shipping in the said Ports and for appointing the Duty of a Harbour Master for the Port of Savannah, and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Bulloch from the Committee Reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

ORDERED That the Committee have Leave to sit again

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday December 6th 1769

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill intitled an Act to regulate and ascertain the Rates of Wharfage of Shipping and Merchandize, and also to ascertain the Rates of Storage in the several Ports of this Province, and for ~~the~~ better Regulation of Wharfs and of Shipping in the said Ports and for appointing the Duty of a Harbour Master for the Port of Savannah and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Bulloch from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration,

Further Comm.
of said Bill

and made some further progress therein, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again

ORDERED That the Committee have Leave to sit again

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery which was read to the House in the Words following Viz^t

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

Although it does not appear ^(sic) me to be at all Material
^{Message from his Excellency} or Necessary for you to see the Treaties Relative to the Indian Boundary in order to enable you "to deliberate and determine" on the Matters mentioned in your address presented to me this day, yet as I shall always be ready to give you every Information in my Power I therefore send you the Treaty and Subsequent agreements in Consequence of which the said Line has been Settled and Markt Viz^t The Treaty made at Augusta the 10th November 1763 The Agreement entered into by me with Captain Alleck the Tenth of January One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Six, And an Answer to a talk, or Message of mine to the Head Men, for a further alteration in the Line from Conoochee to the Southward, and by several Talks and Messages, I have received from the Creek Nation since the marking the said Line, the same has been further Confirmed and agreed to, and the whole was fully and solemnly Ratified at a Meeting of many of the Head Men of the Creeks, with John Stuart, Esquire his Majesty's Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Southern District on the Twelfth of November One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty eight.

The promise I made the Indians is conformable to the Treaty and Agreements and Consistent with Reason and Justice and I am very certain that the Peace and Happiness if not Safety of the Inhabitants of this Province

very much depend on a due Observance of the Treaty in that particular and therefore can not conceive it Possible that any Gentleman can "consistent with his Duty to his Constituents" have the least objection against enabling me (as far as may lye with your House) to comply with the promise mentioned in my Speech.

JAMES WRIGHT, Savannah

5th December 1769

ORDERED That the said Message and Papers do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of this House.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday December 7th 1769

Negroe Bill
read a third
time

The Engrossed Bill, intitled, an Act for ordering and governing Slaves within this Province, and for establishing a Jurisdiction for the Trial of such Slaves and other Persons therein mentioned, and to prevent the inveigling or carrying away Slaves from their Masters, Owners, or Employers, was Read the third time and Several Amendments were mde by the House to the Bill.

and Passed

RESOLVED That the Bill with the said Amendments do pass.

ORDERED That M^r Glen do carry the Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Commissr. of
the Light
House
and

ORDERED That the Commissioners appointed by an Act of this Province to build a New Light House on Tybee Island, do lay a State of their Proceedings before this House on or before Monday next.

Commrs of the
Court House to
lay their pro-
ceeds. before
the House

ORDERED That the Commissioners appointed by an Act of this Province to build a Court House in the Town of Savannah, do lay a State of their Proceedings on Account before this House on or before this day Sen'night

Comm. on the
Wharfage Bill
reported

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill, intitled, an Act to Regulate and ascertain the Rates of Wharfage of Shipping and Merchandise, and also to ascertain the Rates of Storage in the Several Ports of this Province, and for the better Regulation of Wharfs and of Shipping in the said Ports, and for appointing the Duty of a Harbour Master for the Port of Savannah, and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, And M^r Bulloch from the Committee Reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration gone through the Same, and made several Amendments thereto, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read, and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill, with the Amendments, be Ingrossed.

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday December 8th 1769

*Bill to amend
an Act for the
Cultivation of
Hemp &c.
presented &
read*

Mr Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, to Amend an Act Intituled an Act for encouraging the Cultivation of Hemp, Flax, and Wheat, and for regulating the Inspection of Hemp, Flax, and Wheat flour, reported they had prepared the same, which was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a Second time.

Motion being made for Leave to bring in a Bill for altering the Division Line between the Parishes of Saint John, and Saint Andrew.

RESOLVED That the said Motion be taken under Consideration next Wednesday Sen'night

ORDERED That Notice of the said Motion, and that the same will be taken under Consideration next Wednesday Sen'night, be given in the most Publick Manner in both the said Parishes.

Motion being made, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill for dividing this Province into Districts, and for Constituting Circuit Courts therein.

RESOLVED That the said motion be taken under Consideration on Friday the Twelfth day of January next.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in an Ordinance for reappointing Benjamin Franklin Esquire Agent to Sollicit the affairs of this Province in Great Britain, to take place from the first day of June last, and to Continue in force for One Year, and that Mr Mullryne,

*Ordered an Or-
dinance for Re-
appointing the
Provincial
Agent*

Mr Guinnett and Mr Young do prepare and bring in the same —

Ordered That Leave be given to bring an Ordinance for appointing the Honourable Grey Elliott Esquire, Agent to Sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain, to commence the first day of June next, and that Mr Guinnett, Mr Andrew, and Mr Mullryne to ^(sic) prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered an Ordinance for appointing G. Elliott Esqr. Provincial Agent

Motion for postponing the third reading of the Indian Bill

Motion being made that the third reading of the Bill, Intitled, an Act to prevent private Persons from encroaching upon, or purchasing any of the Lands reserved for the Indians or trading with them without Licence, and also to repeal an Act, Intitled an Act to prevent Private Persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians, and for prenting ^(sic) Persons trading with them without Licence, should be postponed till after the ensuing Holidays upon the Question being put, it passed in the Negative —

passed in the Negative

Then a Motion was made, that the said Bill should be read a third time on Monday next, upon the Question being put, it passed in the Affirmative.

Order thereon **Ordered** That the said Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From *B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday December 9th 1769

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday December 11th 1769

<sup>a Member
Qualifies</sup>

Richard Cunningham Crooke Esquire, elected and returned for Augusta, and Parish of Saint Paul, proved dimself duly qualified to serve as a Representative according to the Terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly, and then took the Oaths, and made and subscribed the Declaration, and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took his Seat—

<sup>Bill to prevent
Stealing Horses
&c. presented</sup>

M^r Groeme, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent the Stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle and for the more effectual Discovery and punishment of such Persons as shall maliciously wickedly, and unlawfully Kill, mark, or brand the same, reported they had prepared the said Bill which was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a Second time.

<sup>Commissioners for
Building a New
Light House at-
tend the House</sup>

The House being informed that the Commissioners for building a New Light House upon the Island of Tybee, attended at the Door they were called in (and according to order) presented at the Bar of the House the report of their proceedings which was read to the House in the Words following Viz^t

<sup>& make their
Report</sup>

The Commissioners appointed for building a New Light House on Tybee Island in pursuance of the Power vested in them by the Act of the General Assembly for that purpose passed have entered into an Agreement with John Mullryne Esquire, for building the same with Brick, within two Years from March last, for the sum of three thousand Pounds, which was the Lowest Estimate, and proposal that was made to them, in Consequence of their Advertisements for that purpose, One third

of which Sum to be advanced, On ^(sic) third to be paid when the building shall be raised forty feet, and the remaining third, when fully compleated, the same to be Erected upon such Spot, as the Commissioners should point out.

In Consequence of this Agreement a Board of Commissioners went down to Tybee and found a Spot which they imagined would answer the intended purpose, and which is upon the Land reserved for the use of a Light House, but the said Spot being, upon further Inspection thought too low, a full Board of Commissioners again went down on the twenty eighth past, and got M^r William Lyford, the Pilot, to accompany them, and having diligently Viewed, as well the Publick Land on the said Island, as such other parts which were thought Necessary and carefully set the Light House, the Bar, and the Fort of Cockspur are of Opinion, that the most proper and Eligible Spot to place the said Light House upon, is on a high and broad ridge of Land, heretofore the property of Peter Cadman and now of William Lyford, where it will appear Conspicuous both to the Northward and Southward.

The Commissioners must Observe, that no future Light House can be a leading Mark for the Bar, unless erected where the present one now stands, which is impracticable, at least would not, from the Encroachment of the Sea, answer any purpose, but they find that, by cutting down a few trees above the present Light House, the then Point of Tybee and the said Fort of Cockspur will be a very safe and apparent leading Mark—

All which the said Commissioners do report to this House pursuant to the Order by them made.

ORDERED That the report of the said Commissioners do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of this House.

The Ingrossed Bill, entitled an Act to prevent private persons from Incroaching upon or purchasing any of the Lands reserved for the Indians, or trading with them without a Licence, and also to repeal an Act, Intitled an Act to prevent Private Persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians, and for preventing Persons trading with them without Licence, was read a third time, upon the Question being put, that the Bill should pass, it passed in the Negative —

<sup>Indian Bill read
a third time</sup> & Rejected RESOLVED That the said Bill be Rejected.

ORDERED That the other Order of the day, for the Commissioners of the Town and Common to lay their proceedings and Accounts before the House be adjourned over till Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday December 12th 1769

<sup>Comm. appoint-
ed respecting
the Light
House &c.</sup> ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to go down to Tybee Island on Friday next to View the place that is proposed by the Commissioners for building a New Light House upon the said Island, and report their Opinion thereon to the House, and that the said Committee shall have power to take such Persons with them as they shall think proper for their Information and that they do also View the State of the Old Light House and

likewise the State of Fort George, upon the Island of Cockspur, and report their Opinion thereon to the House, and a Committee was appointed accordingly, Committed to M^r Crooke, M^r LeConte, M^r Bulloch, M^r Odingsell, Sir Patrick Houstoun, Baronet, M^r Ewen, M^r Simpson, M^r Elbert, and M^r Rae.

Order for the
Commsrs. to at-
tend the said
Committee

ORDERED That the Commissioners appointed by the Act of the General Assembly for building a New Light House, upon Tybee Island, be desired by the said Committee to give their Attendance at the same time.

Petition from
Several Passen-
gers from Ire-
land presented
by order of the
Governor

A Petition from several Passengers, whose names are thereunto subscribed, being just arrived in the Ship Hopewell, Thomas Ashe Master, from Belfast, in the North of Ireland, was delivered to the Clerk of this House by the Deputy Secretary, by direction of his Excellency the Governor in Council, and read to the House in the Words following, Viz^t—

GEORGIA

& Read

To his Excellency James Wright, Esquire, Captain General, and Governor in Chief, of his Majesty's Province of Georgia, and to the Honourable Council, and Commons House of Assembly, of the said Province convened in General Assembly.

The Petition of the Several Passengers just arrived in this Province, in the Ship Hopewell, Thomas Ashe, Master, from Belfast in the North of Ireland.

Most humbly sheweth.

That your Petitioners (chiefly Farmers) being of late years, greatly oppressed by the Rents exacted at which they are obliged to hold their Lands, as also by Taxes

and other Duties in Ireland, so that the most exerted Industry, scarcely affords a Comfortable subsistence to their Families, and having no hopes to obtain better Terms by renewal of their Leases when expired, thus distressedly Circumstanced, your Petitioners determined to seek relief, by moving themselves to some one of his Majesty's American Provinces, That your Petitioners, by Letters from M^r John Rae, Merchant in Georgia, to his Brother in Ireland, and being informed by Sundry Letters from their Friends who came to settle in this Province last year from Ireland in the Ship Prince George, Captain Beatty, that a Certain Portion of Land was laid out, and appropriated for the Purpose of settling a Township in this Province, that the Land was extremely good, and Capable of any Cultivation and their Friends further acquainting them, of the hospitable Reception they had met with from the Inhabitants in General, and the very generous Assistance afforded them by his Excellency the Governor and the General Assembly, The Consideration of such great Priveleges, and Advantages, were powerfull Inducements to their immediately resolving to leave their Native Country, to part with their little substance, and thereby enable themselves to come over and Settle in this flourishing Province hoping to entitle themselves to its Protection, Encouragement, and Assistance, and of being found in Return, to the utmost of their Ability equally useful to forward your generous Intentions, in the further settling and encreasing the Same, That although some of your Petitioners, are come over upon Redemption, yet the far greater part have paid their Passage, in the doing of which (many of them having large Families) they have much reduced their Substance, Your Petitioners therefore humbly Pray your Excellency, and Honours, that you will be pleased to take their Case, under your Serious Consideration, to grant that they may be partakers with their Fellow

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Countrymen of the Lands yet ungranted, in the Township of Queensborough, according to their respective Families, be enabled to get up to their Lands and be put in Possession thereof, and to grant them such other Relief, as in your great Wisdom and generous Disposition, you shall judge Necessary to their Melancholy Circumstances— And

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound
shall ever Pray—

Order in Council annexed to the said Petition

At a Council held on Tuesday the 12th December 1769

Present

His Excellency the Governor in Council

On reading the Petition on behalf of the several People
Order of Council thereon lately arrived from Ireland—

IT IS ORDERED That they give into the Clerk of the Council a list of their Names and respective Number in each Family and Attest the same before him that so the Necessary directions may be given to prepare Warrants for surveying Lands within the Limits of Queensborough Township, and with respect to the residue of the prayer of the said Petition, the same is referred to the Consideration of the Commons House of Assembly—

By his Excellencys Command

THOMAS MOODIE for Ch^s Watson Cl: C:

ORDERED That the said Petition be taken under Consideration to Morrow Morning—

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

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The Bill Intitled, an Act to amend an Act Intitled an
Hemp & ea. Bill
read a Second
time Act for encouraging the Cultivation of Hemp, Flax and
 Wheat, and for regulating the Inspection of Hemp, Flax,
 and Wheat flour was read a Second time and ordered to
 be committed to a Committee of the whole House

The House immediately resolved itself into a Com-
& Committed mittee accordingly, and after some time spent therein
 M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Box from the
 Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into
 Consideration, gone through the same and made several
 Amendments thereto which the Committee had directed
 him to report to the House, and he read the report in
 his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the
 Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were
 again read, and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be In-
 grossed.

RESOLVED That the Title of the said Bill shall be a
Title of said Bill
Altered Bill Intitled an Act to repeal after the first day of July
 in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred
 and Seventy One, part of an Act, Intitled an Act, for the
 encouraging the Cultivation of Hemp, Flax, and Wheat,
 and for regulating the Inspection of Hemp, Flax and
 Wheat flour.

The order of the Day being read for taking under
Petition from
the Passengers
from Ireland
considered Consideration the Petition of the People lately arrived
 from Ireland the House took the Same under Considera-
 tion, and it appearing to the House that the Petitioners

would be reduced to very melancholy Circumstances, unless some Assistance was afforded them, therefore,

Resolution
thereon

RESOLVED That this House will provide the Sum of Two hundred Pounds for that purpose to be applied in such manner as shall hereafter be directed.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday December 14th 1769

Hemp &c. Bill
read a third
time

The Ingrossed Bill intitled an Act to repeal after the first day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy One, part of an Act, Intitled an Act for encouraging the Cultivation of Hemp, Flax, and Wheat flour was read the third time.

& Passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun do Carry the Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Order for a Bill
for Laying a
Duty on New
Negroes &c.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for laying a Duty on New Negroes that may be imported for Sale into this Province and for appropriating the Same to the encouraging Protestant Settlers, that may Arrive under the Regulations therein mentioned, and that M^r Odingsell, M^r Ewen, and M^r Mullryne, do prepare and bring in the said Bill.

ORDERED That M^r Barnard have Leave of Absence till the first of February next to go into the Country upon extraordinary Avocations

*Comrs. of the
Town & Com-
mon attend the
House*

The House being informed that the Commissioners for the Town and Common of Savannah attended at the Door they were called in and at the Bar of the House presented according to order their Several proceedings and Accounts relative thereto and then they withdrew and the Titles of the said Papers were Read.

ORDERED That the said Papers do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

*Order for the
Comrs. of the
Court House to
attend ad-
journed*

ORDERED That the Order of the day for the Commissioners appointed by an Act of this Province to build a Court House in the Town of Savannah to lay a State of their proceedings and Accounts before the House be adjourned over till the Seventeenth day of January next.

*Resolution for
purchasing a
Mace &c.*

RESOLVED That this House will provide a Sum in the Estimate for purchasing a Mace for the use of the House, likewise a Gown for M^r Speaker, and a Gown for the Clerk.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Moring, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday December 15th 1769

*Watch Bill pre-
sented and read
1st time*

M^r Young from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for raising a Certain Number of Watchmen for preserving good Order in and about the Town of Savannah and for defraying the expence attending the Same reported they had prepared the Same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time.

M^r Young from the Committee appointed to prepare

*Ordinance for
reappointing
Provincial
Agent pre-
sented & Read*

and bring in an Ordinance for reappointing Benjamin Franklin Esquire Agent to Sollicit the affairs of this Province in Great Britain, reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and Ordered to be read a Second time.

*Order for a
Committee to
see a Line Run
on the Strand
or Bluff of Sa-
vannah*

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to see a Line run on the Strand, or Bluff of Savannah to ascertain the Back Line of the Wharf Lots, and provide a Plan thereof together with the Publick Landings at the end of each respective Street to be annexed to the Bill for regulating the Rates of Wharfage, Storage &c^a Committed to M^r Young, M^r Milledge, M^r Bulloch, M^r Box, and M^r Ewen:

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday December 16th 1769

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday December 18th 1769

*Comm. on the
Light House re-
port*

M^r Crooke from the Committee appointed to go down to Tybee Island to View the place that is proposed by the Commissioners for building a New Light House upon the said Island and to View the State of the old Light House as also the State of Fort George upon the Island of Cockspur reported that agreeable to Order they had

desired the Attendance of the Commissioners and had taken with them such Persons (who were Commanders of Vessels and others) which they judged Necessary, and after obtaining every Information on the Several Matters recommended to them that they had come to the following Resolutions Viz^t

their Resolu-
tions

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Spots of Ground Approved of by the Commissioners is a place highly improper for the purposes intended.

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee that a Spot of Ground bearing nearly East South East, and about Two hundred and fifty Yards from the old Light House is the most proper place to fix the Intended Light House on.

RESOLVED That this Committee is also of Opinion, that, at a small expence the present Light House may Stand for a Considerable Number of Years.

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee that Fort George, upon the Island of Cockspur, is in a ruinous Condition, and as it daily Suffers from the Incroachment of the Sea, any money that might be laid out upon the Same will be thrown away, unless some Ballast Stones could be Obtained, (from such Vessels as come into Cockspur) at a small expence, to be thrown round the said Fort

The said Resolutions being severally read a Second time

RESOLVED That this House will take the Same under Consideration on Tuesday the Sixteenth day of January next.

<sup>Watch Bill read
a Second time</sup> The Bill, intituled, an Act for raising a Certain Number of Watchmen for preserving good order in and about the Town of Savannah, and for defraying the Expence attending the same, was read a Second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House

^{▲ Committed} The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee accordingly, to take the said Bill under Consideration, and, after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Bulloch from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration, made some progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again—

ORDERED That the Committee have Leave to sit again—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday December 19th 1769

The Ordinance for Reappointing Benjamin Franklin Esquire, Agent to Sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain was read a Second time.

<sup>Further Com-
mitment of the
Watch Bill</sup>

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill, entituled an Act for raising a Certain Number of Watchmen for preserving good order in and about the Town of Savannah, and for defraying the expence attending the same, and, after some ^(sic) spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Bulloch from the Committee, reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration, and made some further progress therein, and

that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again—

ORDERED That the Committee have Leave to sit again

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for laying a Duty on all Rum and Wines that may be imported into this Province and for appropriating the money arising therefrom, and that M^r Bulloch, M^r Oding-sell, M^r Milledge and M^r Farley, do prepare and bring in the said Bill.

Order for a
Duty Bill on
Rum &c.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday December 20th 1769

Petition from
part of the In-
habitants of St.
Johns Parish

A Petition from part of the Inhabitants of Saint John's Parish, whos names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read Setting forth, That whereas they are informed the Inhabitants of Saint Andrews Parish, have petitioned the House for Redress of Grievances, by the Grant of a Middle Parish, in which to include a part of the Parish of Saint John's, and whereas the Inhabitants thereof, for a Considerable term, and Several, even fifteen Years past, have been laboriously employed in the Annual performance of the Publick Work in the same, and having so far accomplished it, that now themselves and Travellers may pass with some Conveniency, the Additional Work of a Middle Parish would certainly be esteemed a very great Grievance Yet as Saint Andrew's Parish is extensive, if extending the Boundary four or five Miles would redress them, they

have no Objection, otherwise they Conceive of that Parish, there may be made two as large as Saint Johns, The Petitioners therefore do humbly Sollicit, if the Wisdom of the House think meet, they may not be either included in a Middle Parish, or distinctly, from the Chief of the Inhabitants of Saint John's Parish, made Subject to any Additional Work, and the Petitioners will Pray, &c^a—

RESOLVED That this House will take the said Petition under Consideration on Thursday the Eighteenth of January next.

A Petition from the North west Inhabitants of Saint Andrews's Parish, whose names are thereunto subscribed,
Petition from
the Inhabitants
of St. Andrews
Parish
was presented to the House, and read, Setting forth, That the Petitioners are an entire seperate Settlement in one remote corner of the Parish, without the least Connection with the other Settlers in the Parish, nor can there ever be any on account of the large space of Low Barren Lands that are betwixt them, and that they are Obliged, upon every small cause that comes under the Cognizance of Justices, and Freeholders to ride fifteen or Twenty Miles, with their Evidences, to have it determined, when they have Courts held regularly just by them, and that they find the Division of Publick Roads allotted them a very great hardship and no ways proportionate to the few Inhabitants in that District, as well as discouraging to others from settling among them, as they are Obliged to work from the Parish Line to Fort Barrington, which is upwards of Twenty five Miles of Low wet Pine Land, and often not a dry Spot to Camp at Nights, where their Negroes are obliged to Continue (upon Account of the Distance they have to go) the whole time, at the utmost Risk of their Lives, and, as an addition to their unhappy Circumstances their Commissioners

never fail exacting a full fortnight's work of them every Year, and generally at some very unseasonable time, Neither can they see any Probability of an end to their difficulties unless the House will take the substance of their Petition into its Consideration, and grant such Relief as it shall think best for them, either by annexing that Settlement to Saint John's or forming a Middle Parish, and the Petitioners will Pray, &c*

RESOLVED That this House will take the said Petition under Consideration on Thursday the Eighteenth day of January next.

Then the Order of the day was read—

ORDERED That the same be adjourned over till Thursday the Eighteenth day of January next

Motion being made, that a Committee be appointed to apply the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, Voted by this House to the several People lately arrived from Ireland (in the Ship Hopewell, Thomas Ashe, Master) in order to enable them to go to their intended Settlement, in the Township of Queensborough.

ORDERED That M^r Rae and M^r Elbert be a Committee to apply the said Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and that they do disburse the same in such manner as will best suit the Purposes intended.

Comm. ap-
pointed re-
specting the
£200 Voted
the People
from Ireland

Ordinance
Reappointing
the Agent read
a third time &

Paxton

The Ordinance for Reappointing Benjamin Franklin Esquire Agent to Sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain was read a third time.

RESOLVED That the Ordinance do pass.

ORDERED That M^r Crooke do carry the Ordinance to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

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*Order for a
Comm. to
request his
Excy to give
an Adjourn.*

ORDERED That M^r Simpson and M^r Bulloch do wait upon his Excellency the Governor and desire that his Excellency will be be ^(sic) pleased to adjourn the House till after the ensuing Holidays and accordingly they withdrew and being returned, M^r Simpson reported that they had waited upon his Excellency agreeable to order, to desire he would please to adjourn the House till after the ensuing Holidays, and that his Excellency was pleased to answer that he would send the House an Adjournment in half an Hour

A Message from his excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery, was read to the House as follows Viz^t

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

*The House
adjourned*

I do hereby adjourn the Commons House of Assembly until Monday the Eighth day of January next, then to meet for the Dispatch of Business, and it is accordingly Adjourned to the Eighth day of January next.

Given under my hand at Savannah
this 20th day of December 1769

JAMES WRIGHT

To the Hon^{ble} the Speaker
and Members of the
Commons House of Assembly.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday January 8th 1770

Further
Commt. of
the Watch Bill

The House met according to adjournment and resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill intitled an Act for raising a Certain Number of Watchmen for preserving good order in and about the Town of Savannah and for defraying the expence attending the same, and after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Bulloch from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration, gone through the same and made Several Amendments thereto which the Committee had directed him to report to the House and he read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read, and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Title Altered RESOLVED That the Title of the said Bill shall be a Bill intitled an Act, for raising a Certain Number of Watchmen for preserving good Order in and about the Town of Savannah.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday January 9th 1770

Bill to prevent Stealing Horses &c. read a Second time

The Bill intituled an Act to prevent Stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle, and for the more effectual discovery and punishment of such Persons as shall maliciously, wickedly, and unlawfully Kill, Mark, or Brand the same, was read a Second time and ordered to be Committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

& Committed

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee accordingly to take the said Bill into Consideration and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Graeme from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and made some progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED That the Committee have Leave to sit again—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Bill to amend the Election Act ordered

Wednesday January 10th 1770

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "an Act intitled an Act to ascertain the manner "and form of electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly" and that M^r Crooke Sir Patrick Houstoun and M^r Andrew do prepare and bring in the said Bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the

Further
Commt. of
the Bill to pre-
vent Steal-
ing Horses &c.

Whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill intitled an Act to prevent Stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle and for the more effectual discovery and punishment of such Persons as shall maliciously, wickedly, and unlawfully Kill, Mark, or Brand the same; and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Gröeme from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration and made some further Progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

ORDERED That the Committee have Leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday January 11th 1770

Further
Commt. of
the Bill to pre-
vent Steal-
ing Horses &c.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill intitled, an Act to prevent Stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle and for the more effectual discovery and punishment of such Persons as shall maliciously wickedly and unlawfully Kill, Mark, or Brand the same, and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Gröeme from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

ORDERED That the Committee have Leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday January 12th 1770

The Clerk presented to the House a Message from his Excellency the Governor together with an Opinion and Advice of his Majestys Council thereunto annexed. And it was

RESOLVED That though this is not the proper Method of having his Excellency's Messages delivered to the House, yet as the Master in Chancery who usually delivers these Messages was indisposed, the House through favour agrees to receive the Message &c^a, as presented which was read to the House in the Words following Viz^t

GEORGIA At a Council held in the Council Chamber at Savannah on Monday the 27th November 1769

Present

His Excellency James Wright Esquire in Council

Message
from his
Excellency
the Governor
with a Resolu-
tion of Council

His Excellency laid before the Board an Address lately presented to him from the Commons House of Assembly requesting that his Excellency would be pleased to issue Writs for electing Four Members to sit in general Assembly for the four new Parishes, of Saint Thomas, Saint Patrick, Saint David, and Saint Mary in this Province, and his Excellency ordered to be read the Twelfth, Thirteenth, and Seventeenth, of his Majestys Instructions to him relative to the issuing Writs of Election for Members to serve in the General Assembly and also the Answer he returned to the said Address and desired the Opinion of the Board, on the Subject Matter thereof, Who on due Consideration had therein were unanimous in opinion, that his Excellency was no ways

authorized to issue such Writs of Election, as requested by the Commons House in their said Address, and that the Answer given by his Excellency was highly proper, And as the Lands containing those four Parishes were by his Majesty's Royal Proclamation added to this Province since the above Instructions to his Excellency were given, they recommended stating the Case fully to Government, and applying for further Instructions on that Head, as a very Necessary and desirable measure, altho from the present small number of Inhabitants in those Parishes, which is apparently owing to the best Lands being held by Absentees, under the Grants of the Province of South Carolina, such an Addition of Members as requested by the Commons House may not be immediately Necessary.

CHA^E WATSON C: C:

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

As a further Answer to your Address of the Sixteenth November last, I now send you a Copy of the Opinion and advice of his Majesty's Council to me on that matter

JAMES WRIGHT

Savannah the 12th January 1770

ORDERED That the said Paper do lye upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House—

The Order of the day being read for Leave to bring in a Bill for dividing this Province into Districts, and for Constituting Circuit Courts therein.

ORDERED That the Consideration thereof be postponed till the Sixth day of February next.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Saturday January 13th 1770

Further
Commit. of
the Bill to pre-
vent Stealing
Horses &c.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill intituled an Act to prevent Stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle and for the more effectual discovery and punishment of such Persons as shall maliciously, wickedly and unlawfully Kill, Mark, or Brand the same, and after some time Spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Groeme from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration and gone through the same and made Several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED That the report be received on Monday Morning.

And then the House adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday January 15th 1770

M^r Groeme (according to Order) reported from the Committee of the Whole House to whom the Bill to prevent the Stealing of Horses, and Neat Cattle and for the more effectual discovery and punishment of such Persons as shall maliciously, wickedly and Unlawfully Kill, Mark, or Brand the same was Committed, the Amendments which the Committee had made to the Bill and which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill,

with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were read and agreed to by the House.

Title Altered

RESOLVED That the title of the said Bill shall be a Bill intituled an Act to prevent Stealing of Horses and other Cattle, and for the more effectual discovery and punishment of such Persons as shall maliciously and wickedly Kill, Mark, or Brand the same.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday January 16th 1770

**Resolution
of the Commt.
respecting
Tybee Light
House con-
sidered and**

The order of the day for taking under Consideration the Resolutions of the Committee appointed to go down to Tybee Island to View the place that is proposed by the Commissioners for building a New Light House upon the said Island and to View the State of the Old Light House, as also the State of Fort George upon the Island of Cockspur being read.

The House took the same into Consideration and it was

**Order for
the Comms.
to attend**

ORDERED That the Commissioners appointed to build a New Light House upon Tybee Island do immediately attend the House and that the Messenger do give them Notice of this order.

**they attend
accordingly**

The Commissioners attending according to order were examined with regard to their proceedings in building the said Light House and then they withdrew.

and their
Answers
approved of

RESOLVED That the Answers given by the said Commissioners to the Several Questions put to them are Satisfactory.

RESOLVED That the further Consideration of the said Resolutions be postponed.

ORDERED That the Committee appointed to inspect such Laws, and Ordinances, of this Province that are expired, or near expiring, or may want amendment, do make their Report on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From *B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday January 17th 1770

ORDERED That the Clerk do write to the Absent Members acquainting them that the House require their immediate attendance

Further
Consideration
of the Resolu-
tions respect-
ing the Light
House

The House took into further Consideration the Resolutions of the Committee appointed to go down to Tybee Island to View the Place that is proposed by the Commissioners for building a New Light House, upon the said Island, and to View the State of the Old Light House, as also the State of Fort George on the Island of Cockspur, and it was—

Resolution
thereon

RESOLVED That the said Committee do again go down on Friday Sen-night to Tybee Island to examine the foundation of the place before recommended by them to build the Light House on, and in Case the foundation should be found insufficient then in that Case with the Commissioners to fix on the most proper Spot for that purpose.

The last Resolution of the Committee being read a Second Time.

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to examine what Sum of Money have been laid out in building and repairing Fort George on the Island of Cockspur and report their opinion thereon to the House and a Committee was appointed accordingly—

Committed to M^r Farley, M^r Andrew, and M^r Stevens

Message
from the
Upper House

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery.

That the upper House have agreed to the Ordinance for reappointing Benjamin Franklin Esquire Agent to sollicit the affairs of this Province in Great Britain without any Amendments.

And that they have also agreed to the Bill intitled an Act for ordering and governing Slaves in this Province and for establishing a Jurisdiction for the trial of such Slaves and other Persons therein mentioned and to prevent the inveigling, and carrying away Slaves from their Masters, Owners, or Employers, with some Amendments, to which Amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The House being informed that the Commissioners for building a Court House, Attended according to Order, they were called in, and at the Bar presented a Paper containing proceedings and Accounts and the Title of the said Paper was read

ORDERED That the same do lye upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

M^r Guinnett from the Committee appointed to prepare

**Ordinance
appointing
G. Elliott Esqr.
Agent pre-
sented & Read**

and bring in an Ordinance for appointing the Hon^{ble} Grey Elliott Esqr Agent, to sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain Reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From *B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday January 18th 1770

The order of the day for taking under Consideration the motion for leave to bring in a Bill for altering the Division Line, between the Parishes of Saint John's, and Saint Andrew, as also the Petitions from part of the Inhabitants of Saint John's Parish, and of the North West Inhabitants of Saint Andrew's Parish being read.

Petition
from the
Inhabitants of
St. Andrews
Parish

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Saint Andrews Parish, whose names are thereunto subscribed was presented to the House and read setting forth that the Petitioners labour under many difficulties from the great extent of Saint Andrews Parish, which by its present Bounds is by far the most extensive of any in this Province being above Twenty five Miles in Breadth and the Principal Inhabitants settled at so great a distance from each other that the performing the Publick and Parochial Duties are attended with numberless Inconveniences and Hardships to the Inhabitants in general, among which working upon the Publick Roads is not the least having been Obliged to work Twelve days every Year since the passing of the first Road Act, nor have they any prospect of ever seeing that intolerable Grievance lessened as they have near Sixty Miles of Road to make through some of

the worst Swamps in the Province, And few Negroes to perform that labour, nor indeed can they ever hope in their present Situation to make them even passable to the great discouragement of Settling this and all the Southern Parishes, The Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the House, would take the Case into Consideration and as the only effectual Remedy that can be devised grant them Relief, by erecting a new Parish out of this and the Parish of Saint Johns which is also a very extensive One, bounding the New Parish to the South by Sapelo River as far as a Creek leading out of the said River called Brora Creek, to Continue up the said Creek and Swamp at the head of it to the Publick Road, and from thence a North West Course, and to the North, as shall be most agreeable to the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John's, and the Petitioners will ever Pray &c^a

Then the House proceeded to consider the order of the day, and the above recited Petition and

ORDERED That the Motion for Leave to bring in a Bill for altering the Division Line, between the Parishes of Saint John, and Saint Andrew, be withdrawn.

The ingrossed Bill intitled an Act to regulate and ascertain the rates of Wharfage of Shipping and Merchandise, and also to ascertain the rates of Storage in the Several Ports in this Province and for the better regulation of Wharfs and of Shipping in the said Ports, and for appointing the Duty of a Harbour Master for the Port of Savannah was read the third time and some amendments were made by the House to the Bill.

Wharfage
Bill read a
third time &
passed

RESOLVED That the Bill with the Amendments do pass.

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun, do Carry the

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Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to Amend an Act Intitled an Act for the better regulating the Town of Savannah, and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging, and that M^r Ewen, M^r Mil ledge, M^r Young, M^r Bulloch, and M^r Box be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said Bill.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday January 19th 1770

The House met and adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Saturday January 20th 1770

The House met and adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday January 22^d 1770

Petition
from the
Inhabitants of
St. Andrews
Parish

A Petition from part of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint Andrew was presented to the House and read Setting forth that many of the Roads in the said Parish were unpassable owing to the

Commissioners employing the People (liable to work) on the Road from Sapelo to Darien and the other Roads are entirely Neglected which they apprehend is detrimental to the Parish and the Publick in General therefore praying Relief.

ORDERED That the Petition do lye upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday January 23^d 1770

The Ordinance appointing the Hon^{ble} Grey Elliott Esq^r Agent to Sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain was read the Second time and—

ORDERED To be Ingrossed.

ORDERED That the said Ordinance be read a third time this day fortnight.

The Bill Intituled an Act for raising a Number of Watchmen for preserving good order in and about the Town of Savannah was read a third time

Watch Bill read
a third time

& Passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED That M^r Simpson do Carry the Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence.

A Petition from the Trustees for the Meeting House in Savannah and others who usually assemble there for Divine Worship and whose Names are thereunto subscribed was presented to the House and read setting forth that his late Majesty had been pleased to give and Grant

Petition
from the Trus-
tees of the
Meeting House
in Savannah

a Publick Lot in the Town of Savannah for erecting thereon a place of Publick Worship for such of his loyal Subjects as profess the Westminster Confession of Faith and that a Building for that purpose has been erected on that Lot accordingly.

The Petitioners find it necessary and are very desirous that a proper place for burying their Dead should be annexed to the said Meeting^(sic). The Petitioners therefore humbly Pray that part of the Common on the South west Corner of the Town be assigned for the purpose to be under the direction of the Minister for the time being and his Successors in Office for ever to serve as a Burying place for such as usually attend Divine Worship in the said Meeting and the Petitioners will ever pray.

ORDERED That the said Petition do lye upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday January 24th 1770

The House being informed that the Clerks of the Crown and Peace attended at the Door they were called in, and at the Bar of the House delivered in a paper entitled Presentments of the Grand Jury at December Session 1769 and then they withdrew, and then the Title of the said paper was read

Presentments
of the Grand
Jury presented
by the Clerks
of the Crown
& Peace

ORDERED That the said Paper do lye upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

The House took into Consideration the amendments

**Amendments
made by the
Upper House
to the Negroe
Bill Considered**

made by the upper House to the Ingrossed Bill Intitled an Act for ordering and Governing Slaves within this Province and for establishing a Jurisdiction for the Trial of such Slaves and other persons therein mentioned and to prevent the inveigling or Carrying away Slaves from their Masters, Owners or Employers and agreed to some of the said Amendments and disagreed to others.

**Order thereon
desiring a
Conference**

ORDERED That M^r Crooke do carry the Bill to the upper House and acquaint them that this House have agreed to some of the amendments made by the upper House to the said Bill and disagreed to others, and that the House desires they will appoint a Committee to join a Committee of this House in Conference on the subject Matter of the said Amendments.

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery,

**Message
from the Upper
House agreeing
to the Conference**

That the upper House agrees to the Conference proposed by this House on the Amendments made to the Ingrossed Bill, intitled, "an Act for ordering and governing Slaves within this Province and for establishing a Jurisdiction for the Trial of such Slaves and other Person therein mentioned and to prevent the inveigling and Carrying away Slaves from their Masters, Owners, or Employers" and have appointed a Committee to join a Committee of this House thereon to meet in the Room adjoining the Council Chamber to Morrow at Ten oClock in the forenoon— Committee M^r Powell, M^r Jones and M^r Elliott—

And then the Messenger withdrew.

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to join a Committee of the Upper House in Conference on the

Amendments made by the upper House to the said Bill and a Committee was appointed accordingly.

Committed to M^r Crooke, M^r Mullryne, M^r Odingsell, M^r Grøeme and M^r W^m Young.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday January 25th 1770

Order for an
Ordinance
appointing
Inspectors of
Hemp &c.

ORDERED That leave be given to bring in an Ordinance for appointing Inspectors of Hemp, Flax, and Wheat flour, and that M^r Crooke M^r Elbert and M^r Reddoch do prepare and bring in the same.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday January 26th 1770

The House met and adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Saturday January 27th 1770

The House met and adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday January 29th 1770

Mr. Speaker
reports re-
specting the
House attend-
ing Mr. Whitefield

M^r Speaker reported that he with the House having waited on the Rev^d M^r Whitefield in consequence of his Invitation at the Orphan House Academy heard him preach a very suitable and pious Sermon upon the Occasion and with great pleasure observed the promising appearance of Improvement towards the good purposes intended, the Decency, and propriety of behavior of the several Residents there and were sensibly Affected when they saw the happy success which has attended M^r Whitefields indefatigable zeal for promoting the Welfare of the Province in general and the Orphan House in particular.

ORDERED That this Report be printed in the Gazette.

Report of the Comm. of Conference on the Negroe Bill M^r Mullryne from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the upper House in Conference on the Amendments made by the upper House to the Ingrossed Bill "Intituled an Act for ordering and governing Slaves within this Province and for establishing a Jurisdiction for the Trial of such Slaves and other Persons therein mentioned and to prevent the inveigling or Carrying away Slaves from their Masters, Owners, or Employers reported that the Committee had joined the Committee of the upper House in Conference and had taken the Matters recommended to them under Consideration and that the Committee of the upper House had receded from all the Amendments except the Amendment, marked Letter C and the additional Clause made by the upper House for suspending the execution of the said Act untill his Majesty's Royal Allowance thereof should be signified which the Committee had directed him to report to the House

and he read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where it was again read.

The House took the same into Consideration and

RESOLVED That this House doth not agree in the Amendment made by the upper House marked Letter C and the additional Clause for suspending the execution of the said Act untill his Majestys Royal Allowance thereof should be signified.

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday January 30th 1770

The House took under Consideration the Petition from the Trustees for the Meeting House in Savannah and others who usually assembled there for Divine Worship.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of the said Petition and that M^r Bulloch and M^r Crooke do prepare and bring in the said Bill.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better Security of the Inhabitants of this Province by obliging the Male White Persons to Carry Fire Arms to places of Public Worship And that M^r Andrew, M^r LeConte, and M^r Morel do prepare and bring in the Same.

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday January 31st 1770

Commrs. of the
Spring & ca.
ordered to lay
their proceed-
ings before
the House

ORDERED That the Commissioners appointed by an Act of Assembly of this Province to lease or let for a certain term of Years the Lot of Land commonly Called the Spring near Savannah, and to rent the Building commonly Called the Watch House and to appropriate the Monies arising therefrom do lay their proceedings before the House on or before this day Fortnight.

Bill to oblige
Male White
Persons to
carry fire Arms
to places of
Publick Wor-
ship presented
& Read

M^r Morel from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the better Security of the Inhabitants of this Province, by Obliging the Male White persons within the same, to Carry fire Arms to places of Publick Worship. reported they had prepared the same, which was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a Second time.

Report of the
Comm. resp ct-
ing what Laws
are expired or
near expiring

M^r G्रeme (according to order) from the Committee appointed to inspect such Laws and Ordinances of this Province that were expired or near expiring, or may want Amendment and report their opinions thereon to the House, reported that the Committee had examined accordingly and Come to resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where it was again read and is as follows Viz^t

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the following Acts, will expire with the end of the present Session Viz^t

An Act passed the 6th March 1766 for punishing Seamen, or Mariners, neglecting, or deserting their Duty on board their respective Ships, or Vessels, and for pre-

venting Seamen, or Mariners, from being Harboured, or running in Debt, ought to be Continued.

An Act passed the 6th March 1766 for the better Security of the Inhabitants of this Province, by obliging the Male White Persons within the same to Carry fire arms to all places of Publick Worship

An Act passed 6th March 1766 to empower the several Commissioners or Surveyors hereafter named to lay out and make Publick such Roads in the Province of Georgia, as are herein after mentioned and directed and to Continue to work upon clear repair and improve the Several Roads already laid out and also the Rivers, and Creeks, Within the Several and respective Divisions

An Act passed 26th March 1767 to Amend the said Act

An Additional Act passed 11th April 1768 to the said Act should be revived in One Act—

An Act passed 6th of March 1766 to Amend an Act for the better regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging, and also to authorize, and empower the Church Wardens, and Vestry of the Parish of Christ Church to appoint a Beadle for the purposes therein mentioned, ought to be Continued.

An Act passed 26th March 1767 to Oblige the Inhabitants of the Town of Sunbury to Clear and Keep Clean the Several Squares, Streets, Lanes and Common, within the same, and to exempt the said Inhabitants from working upon the Roads in the Parish of Saint Johns ought to be Continued

An Ordinance passed the 26th March 1767 for appointing

Packers and Inspectors for the Port of Savannah and Sunbury, and also Cullers and Inspectors of Lumber in the said Ports ought to be Continued.

An Act passed 27th March 1759 and further Continued 4th March 1762, And an Additional Act passed 25th March 1765, for the better regulating Taverns, and Punch Houses, and Retailers of Spirituous Liquors, should be Revived in One Act.

An Act passed 26th March 1767 to prevent the bringing into and Spreading of Malignant and Contagious Distempers in this Province, and to oblige Masters or Commanders of Vessels going out of any Port within the Same, first to produce a Passport from the Governor or Commander in Chief to prevent the Harbouring of Sick Sailors and others, and for the ordering and well regulating the Lazaretto, upon the Island of Tybee should be Continued.

An Act passed 26th March 1767 to regulate the making of Cypress, Oak, and Pine Lumber Staves, and Shingles, and for ascertaining the Quality thereof, should be Continued.

An Act passed 18th November 1765 for the establishing and regulating Patrols and to prevent any Person from purchasing Provisions or any other Commodities from or Selling such to any Slave unless such Slave shall produce a Ticket from his or her Owner, Manager, or Employer.

An Act to Amend the said Act passed 24th December 1768 should be Continued in One Act.

An Act, to prevent Frauds, and abuses, in the laying out, and Admeasuring of his Majesty's Lands in this

Province passed 26th March 1765, and afterwards Continued 11th April 1768 ought to be Revived.

An Act passed 6th March 1766 and further Continued 11th April 1768 to amend an Act for the regulating the Pilotage of Vessels into several Ports of this Province ought to be Revived.

An Act passed 25th March 1765 and further Continued 11th April 1768 to Amend an Act to prevent private Persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians and for preventing persons from trading with them without License ought to be Revived—

An Act passed 11th April 1768 for establishing a Jurisdiction for the Trial of Negroes and other Slaves, and other Persons therein mentioned directing the Mode of Evidence and Tryal and for the Punishment of Crimes and Offences committed by them, and also for making other Necessary Regulations relating to such Slaves and other Persons should be Continued

An Act passed the 6th March 1766 to prevent Frauds and Deceits in selling Beef, Pork, Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, and Firewood should be Continued.

ORDERED That the said Report do lye upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

Order for
a Road Bill

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the several Commissioners, or Surveyors hereafter named to lay out and make such Publick Roads in the province of Georgia, as are herein after mentioned and directed and to Continue to work upon, Clear, repair, and improve the several Roads already laid out, and also the Rivers and Creeks, within the several and respective Divisions, and that M^r William Young, M^r Bulloch M^r

LeConte, M^r Andrew, and M^r Morel, do prepare, and bring in the said Bill.

Motion being made for leave to bring in a Bill for laying a Duty on all Goods sold at Vendue in this Province, and a Debate Arising thereon the Question was put and— passed in the Negative.

Then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday February 1st 1770

The House met and adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday February 2^d 1770

M^r Crooke from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend an Act Intitled an Act to ascertain the Manner and Form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly reported they had prepared the same which was Received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill to amend
Election Law
presented &
read

Bill to amend
an Act for
regulating the
Town of
Savannah &c.
presented
& read

M^r Ewen, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the further Amending an Act Intitled an Act for the better regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging reported they had prepared the same which was received

and read the first time, and ordered to be read a Second time.

Bill to oblige
Male White
Persons to
carry Fire
Arms to places
of Publick Wor-
ship read a
Second time

The Bill Intituled an Act for the better Security of the Inhabitants of this Province by Obliging the Male White Persons within the same to Carry Fire Arms to places of Publick Worship, was read a Second time, and ordered to be Committed, to a Committee of the whole House.

& Committed

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee accordingly, and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Morel from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration, gone through the same, and made Several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read, and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be Ingrossed.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Saturday February 3^d 1770

ORDERED That the House be called over, on Tuesday Morning next the Sixth this ^(sic) Instant

And then the House adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday February 5th 1770

Bill for
appointing
Inspectors of
Hemp &c.
presented
& Read

M^r Crooke from the Committee, appointed to prepare, and bring in an Ordinance, for appointing Inspectors of Hemp, Flax, and Wheat flour for the Ports of Savannah, and Sunbury, reported they had prepared the same, which was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a Second time.

Bill to amend
the Election
Act read a
Second time
& Committed

The Bill Intitled an Act, to Amend an Act Intitled an Act to ascertain the manner and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly was read the second time and ordered to be Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee accordingly to take the said Bill into Consideration and after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Bulloch from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and made some progress therein, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

ORDERED That the Committee have Leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday February 6th 1770

Call of
the House

The order of the Day for the House being called over, being read, the House was called accordingly Then the order of the Day for taking under Consideration the motion for leave to bring in a Bill for dividing this Province into Districts, and for Constituting Circuit Courts therein, was read.

The House took the same into Consideration and

RESOLVED That the further Consideration thereof be postponed till this day fortnight.

Ordinance
for appointing
Grey Elliott
Esqr. Agent
read a third
time

Then the other Order of the Day for reading a third time, the Ordinance for appointing the Hon^{ble} Grey Elliott Esq^r Agent to sollicit the affairs of this Province in Great Britain being read

The said Ordinance was read a third time and an Amendment was made by the House thereto

Motion was made that M^r Franklin's Letter dated London the 7th June 1769 should be read and the same was read accordingly.

& Rejected

Then the Question was put if the said Ordinance should pass—

It passed in the Negative

Petition from
the Inhabitants
of Lands
granted for
Irish Settlers

A Petition from the Inhabitants of the Lands granted for Irish Settlers, and others Living on or near the River Great Ogeechee down to the Road leading from the Hon^{ble} Jonathan Bryans Lands, on said River, to Savannah whose names are thereunto subscribed was presented

to the House, and read Setting forth, that the Petitioners suffer great Inconveniences for want of a Publick Road from the said Irish Settlement to the Road already made from the Hon^{ble} Jonathan Bryan's Lands, on the River Great Ogechee to Savannah, being now obliged to travel many Miles more than the Real Distance from Savannah, The Petitioners therefore pray that the House will frame a Law, appointing and empowering Commissioners, to lay out a Road from the said Irish Settlement called Queensborough in the nearest and most convenient way to the Road already laid out from Savannah to the Hon^{ble} Jonathan Bryan's Cowpen, on the River Great Ogechee, and to Oblige the several Inhabitants residing within Twelve Miles to the Northward of said River Ogechee, to work upon and clear the said Road.

ORDERED That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to empower the Several Commissioners or Surveyors hereafter named to lay out and make such Publick Roads in the Province of Georgia as are herein after mentioned and directed, and to Continue to work upon, clear, repair, and improve the several Roads already laid out, and also the Rivers and Creeks within the Several and respective Divisions.

Same referred
to the Consideration of the
Comm. on the
Road Bill

A Petition
from the Front-
ier Settlers

A Petition from several Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed being the Frontier Settlers of this Province on the River Great Ogechee was presented to the House and read Setting forth, that the Petitioners suffer great damage by Indians being at freedom to range these parts at pleasure, that the Indians by this means constantly steal the Petitioners Horses, and destroy their Cattle, and Corn, to a very Considerable Value, that the Petitioners are likewise under Continual uneasiness apprehending they will be cut off by the Indians whenever

those Barbarous People chose to commence Hostilities having no place of Defence to assemble at in case of Need, the Petitioners do therefore beg Leave to offer the following expedient, to the Consideration of the House, that is to have Forts erected at Convenient Distances from each other and Scouts to ride along the Frontiers to prevent White People from encroaching on the Indians and also to prevent the Indians from carrying any Kind of Merchandise in amongst White People or staying unnecessarily in the Settlements, and when they find any Indians beyond their Boundaries to conduct them civilly into their Own Limits or if Occasion should require that the officer of the Scout may give them a travelling pass, As it is mostly by stroling Parties of Indians who are reckoned irregular by the Principal Part of the Indians themselves, that the Petitioners undergo the present great Hardships and they are of Opinion that the Headmen of the Indians might be easily convinced that this Schemie has a Tendency to maintain a good understanding with Indians in general for when White People catch Indians stealing or destroying their Effects they commonly chastise them with Corporal Punishment and Indignities which the Indians to get revenge misrepresent to their Chiefs in such a Manner as inflames their minds against White People, this or whatever other means the House may in its Wisdom Judge would most Contribute to secure the Petitioners Persons, and Properties, consistent with the Welfare of the Province in general and the Petitioners request that such measures may be taken by the House as speedily as Convenient for their Safety and preservation

ORDERED That the said Petition do lye upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday February 7th 1770

**Further
Comm. of the
Bill to amend
the Election
Act**

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill Intitled an Act, to Amend an Act, Intitled, an Act to ascertain the manner and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly, and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Bulloch from the Committee, reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration, gone through the same, and made Several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read, and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be Ingrossed.

**Message
from the
Upper House**

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery that the upper House have agreed to the Bill for raising a Number of Watchmen, for preserving good order in and about the Town of Savannah with some amendments to which Amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House.

**Order for the
Comms. for
settling a
Township on
the Branches
of Ogeechee
River to lay
their Accos.
&c. before
the House**

ORDERED That the Commissioners appointed to lay out the Sum of Five Hundred and Sixty Pounds to be applied in defraying such expences as they shall Judge really necessary and proper towards settling a Township on the Branches of Ogeechee River do lay their proceedings and accounts before the House, on or before Tuesday next.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday February 8th 1770

The House
considers the
Amendments
made by the
Upper House
to the Watch
Bill

Order thereon

The House took under Consideration the amendments made by the upper House to the Ingrossed Bill for raising a Number of Watchmen for preserving good order in and about the Town of Savannah, and agreed to some, and disagreed to others.

ORDERED That M^r Grœme do carry the Bill to the upper House and acquaint them that this House have agreed to some of the Amendments made by the upper House to the said Bill, and disagreed to others, and that this House desires they will appoint a Committee to join a Committee of this House, in Conference on the Subject matter of the said Amendments.

Negroe Bill
returned to the
Upper House

ORDERED That M^r Grœme do carry the Ingrossed Bill for ordering and governing Slaves within this Province, and for establishing a Jurisdiction for the Trial of such Slaves, and other Persons therein mentioned, and to prevent the inveigling or carrying away Slaves from their Masters, Owners, or Employers, to the upper House, and acquaint them that this House having taken under Consideration the report of the Committee of Conference, on the said Bill have come to a Resolution to disagree to the Amendments made by their House to the said Bill marked Letter C and the additional Clause for suspending the execution of the said Act untill his Majesty's Royal Allowance thereof should be signified

The Ordinance appointing Inspectors of Hemp, Flax, and wheat flour for the Ports of Savannah and Sunbury was read a second time

ORDERED That the Commitment of the said Ordinance be postponed

Order for a Bill to Amend Jury Act

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to Amend an Act Intituled an Act for ascertaining the Qualifications of Jurors, and for establishing the method of Balloting and Summoning Jurors, in the Province of Georgia, and that Mr Ewen and Mr Bulloch do prepare and bring in the said Bill.

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Message from the Upper House

That the upper House doth agree to the Conference desired on the Amendments, made to the Bill for raising a Number of Watchmen for preserving good order in and about the Town of Savannah and have appointed the same to be in the Room adjoining the Council Chamber, immediately

Committee Grey Elliott James Edw^d Powell and Ja^s Read Esq^{rs}

Order thereon

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to join a Committee of the upper House in Conference on the Amendments made by the upper House to the said Bill and a Committee was appointed accordingly.

Committed to Mr Grœme, Mr Morel, Mr Crooke Mr Ewen and Mr Bulloch.

Order for inspecting the Journals of the Upper House

ORDERED That Mr Crooke do acquaint the upper House, that this House have appointed a Committee to inspect the Journals of their House respecting the Ingrossed Bill from this House to repeal after the first day of July in the Year of our Lord 1771 part of an Act Intituled an Act for the Cultivation of Hemp Flax and Wheat

and for regulating the Inspection of Hemp, Flax and Wheat flour.

Committed to M^r Groeme, M^r Morel, M^r Crooke M^r Ewen and M^r Bulloch.

ORDERED That his Excellency's the Governor's Message of the 12th January last, together with an Opinion, and advice of his Majesty's Council thereunto annexed be taken under Consideration on Wednesday Morning next.

Then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday February 9th 1770

The House met and adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday February 10th 1770

The House met and adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday February 12th 1770

A Message from the upper House, by the Master in Chancery was read to the House in the Words following Vizt

M^r Speaker

Message from
the Upper
House Your House on report of your Committee.....

[For transcript of message desiring a conference on amendments to Negro Bill see Journal of Upper House 12 Feb. 1770.]

..... adjoining the Council Chamber.

Resolution
thereon

RESOLVED That this House will join the Upper House, in a free Conference on the Amendments made by their House, to the said Bill to Morrow Morning at Eleven O'Clock.

ORDERED That M^r Crooke do acquaint the upper House of the above Resolution.

Bill to alien &
Convey part of
the Common
presented &
Read

M^r Bulloch from the Committee, appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to enable the Commissioners appointed by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, Intitled, an Act for regulating the Town of Savannah, and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging to Alien and Convey to—

And their Successors in trust forever part of the said Common for the purpose of inclosing a Cœmetry or Burial Ground, reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a Second time.

Memorial of
John Joachim
Zubly present-
ed & read

A Memorial from John Joachim Zubly, Clerk, whose name is thereunto subscribed and directed to his Excellency the Governor The Hon^{ble} the President, and Members of the upper House, and the Hon^{ble} the Speaker and the House of Representatives in Assembly met, was presented to the House, and read setting forth

That the want of a Short and safe communication

with the Province of South Carolina has long been looked upon as a very great Inconvenience, That a place belonging to the Memorialist, appears most likely to answer this very necessary purpose, That the Memorialist at his own expence has opened a passage and built a Bridge over a large Creek and established a Boat and every thing necessary and that before the rising of the Freshes, the Place (unto which he has given the name of Middlesex Island) has begun to be considerably resorted to, and it is imagined will soon become a general thorough fare, That the Memorialist apprehends the same might be made passable at all times, at a very moderate expence, whereby not only the Length of the Passage would be entirely reduced, but a great saving be made in the Rate of Ferriage to all Passengers, The Memorialist is exceeding desirous to fall upon any measures by which what he has begun may become of General use to the Publick and and ^(sic) Submits how far such an undertaking may be deserving of Publick Assistance.

ORDERED That the said Memorial do lye upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

The House being informed that the House in which his Excellency the Governor Lives and the Fences round the same are much out of repair.

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to examine the state of the said House and Fence and report their Opinion thereon to the House and a Committee was appointed accordingly, and they have power to take with them such Artificers, as they shall think necessary.

Committed, to M^r Ewen M^r Reddoch, M^r Rae and M^r Le Conte.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday February 13th 1770

Commissioners
for settling a
Town on the
Branches of
Ogeechee River
lay their Accos.
&c before the
House

The Commissioners appointed to lay out the Sum of Five hundred and Sixty pounds to be applied in defraying such expences as they shall Judge realy necessary and proper towards settling a Township on the Branches of Ogeechee River attending (according to order) they were called in and presented to the House several Accounts and papers, and the Titles of the said Accounts and papers being read.

ORDERED That the said Accounts and papers do lye upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent and Suppress Accidents of Fire, and that M^r Morel, and M^r Rae and M^r Elbert, do prepare, and bring in the said Bill.

Report of the
Comms. on the
Journals of the
Upper House

M^r Greeme from the Committee appointed to inspect the Journals of the upper House respecting the Ingrossed Bill from this House to repeal after the first day of July in the Year of our Lord 1771 part of an Act Intituled an Act for the Cultivation of Hemp, Flax and Wheat and for regulating the Inspection of Hemp, Flax and Wheat flour, reported they had examined the said Journals, and find that the third reading of the said Bill is postponed till the 20th day of May next.

Ordinance ap-
pointing In-
spectors of
Hemp &c.

Then a Motion was made that the Ordinance appointing Inspectors of Hemp, Flax and Wheat flour for the Ports of Savannah and Sunbury be immediately Committed to a Committee of the whole House, and a

Debate arising thereon the Question was put and It passed in the Affirmative.

Committed

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee accordingly to take the said Ordinance into Consideration and after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Elbert from the Committee reported they had taken the said Ordinance into Consideration, gone through the same and made several Amendments thereto which the Committee had directed him to report to the House and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered the Ordinance with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED. That the Ordinance with the Amendments be Ingrossed.

The Whole House joins the Upper House in Conference on the Negroe Act

M^r Speaker with the Whole House joined the upper House in Conference on the Amendments made by their House to the Ingrossed Bill Intitled an Act for ordering and governing Slaves within this Province and for establishing a Jurisdiction for the Trial of such Slaves and other persons therein mentioned and to prevent the inveigling, and Carrying away Slaves, from their Masters, Owners, or Employers, and being returned M^r Speaker reported they had Joined the upper House in Conference, and that the said Conference was adjourned, Sine Die,

ORDERED. That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to Revive and Continue such Laws and Ordinances of this Province as are expired or near expiring, and that M^r Grøeme, M^r William Young, and M^r Guianett do prepare and bring in the Same.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday February 14th 1770

The order of the day being read for taking under Consideration his Excellency the Governors Message of the 12th January last, together with an Opinion, and advice of his Majestys Council thereunto annexed.

The House took the same under Consideration accordingly.

Resolution for a Further Address to his Excellency respecting the Want of Representatives for the four Southern Parishes

RESOLVED That a further address be prepared and presented to his Excellency the Governor on the Important subject of a full Representation so essential to the Welfare of this Province.

ORDERED That M^r Groeme, M^r Guinnett M^r Crooke, M^r Farley, and M^r William Young, be a Committee, to prepare an Address upon the said Resolution.

ORDERED That the Clerk do furnish the Printer with a Copy of the Journals of the House from the beginning of this Session and that the same be printed and that the proceedings of this House be for the future published in the Gazette every Week.

Comms. of the Spring & Common lay their Accos. &c. before the House

The Commissioners appointed by Act of Assembly to lease or lett for a certain term of Years the Lot of Land, commonly called the Spring near Savannah, and to rent the Building commonly called the Watch House, and to appropriate the monies arising therefrom, attending according to order, they were Called in and presented to the House their proceedings therein

ORDERED That the same do lye upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday February 15th 1770

M^r Greeme from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Governor upon the Resolution of Yesterday reported they had prepared the same accordingly which was received and read.

ORDERED That the same be taken under Consideration to Morrow morning.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday February 16th 1770

The Ingrossed Bill intitled an Act to Amend an Act Intituled an Act to ascertain the manner and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly was read the third time.

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED That M^r Crooke do Carry the said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence

The Ingrossed Bill intitled an Act for the better se-

curity of the Inhabitants of this Province by obliging the Male White persons to carry Fire Arms to places of Publick Worship was read the third time.

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED That M^r Crooke do Carry the Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence

The order of the day for taking under Consideration the Address to his Excellency the Governor as reported of Yesterday being read.

A Motion was made that the House take the same into immediate Consideration and a Debate arising thereon.

The Question was put and passed in the Negative

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Saturday February 17th 1770

Bill to amend
the Jury Act
presented &
Read

M^r Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend an Act Intitled an Act for ascertaining the Qualification of Jurors and for establishing the Method of Ballotting and summoning Jurors in the Province of Georgia reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

And then the House adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday February 19th 1770

The Bill to Amend an Act Intitled an Act for ascertaining the Qualifications of Jurors and for establishing the Method of Ballotting and Summoning Jurors in the Province of Georgia was read a Second time and—

ORDERED To be Ingrossed.

The Ordinance appointing Inspectors of Hemp Flax and Wheat flour, for the Ports of Savannah and Sunbury, was read the third time.

The Question was put if the said Ordinance should pass and it was—

RESOLVED In the Affirmative.

ORDERED That M^r Crooke do carry the said Ordinance to the upper House and desire their Concurrence

A Motion was made that the House take under Consideration the Address to his Excellency the Governor as reported on Thursday last and a Debate arising thereon.

The Question was put and passed in the Negative

Bill to amend
an Act for reg-
ulating the
Town of Savan-
nah &c. read
a 2d time

The Bill Intitled an Act for the further Amending an Act, Intitled an Act, for the better regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging was, read a Second time and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Commit-

& Committed tee accordingly, to take the said Bill into Consideration, and after some time Spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Bulloch from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and made some progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

ORDERED That the Committee have Leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday February 20th 1770

The House took under Consideration the Address to his Excellency the Governor as reported of Thursday last agreed to the same with some Amendments.

ORDERED That the Address with the Amendments be Ingrossed.

The said Address being ingrossed was read to the House in the Words following Viz^t

To his Excellency James Wright Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of his Majesty's Province of of ^(sic) Georgia and Vice Admiral of the same

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly—

May it please your Excellency.

We his Majestys dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons of Georgia in the General Assembly met, Beg leave to Address your Excellency once more on the Important

Address to his
Excellency the
Governor

Subject of a full Representation so essential to the Welfare of this Province, We thought ourselves happy in your Excellency's declaration so Correspondent to the Sense of this House in Answer to our former Address and could have wished the Council had instead of referring to private Instructions paid a greater attention to the Royal Proclamation under the great Seal wherein it is expressly declared that American Governors, shall cause the Settlers of the new acceded parts of America to be Represented A Delay Sir may be deemed a Denial of Justice and from your Excellencys well known attachment to the Interest of this Province We cannot, we will not doubt of your ready Compliance with this our Just and reasonable Request founded on the greatest Assurance that can be given by a King to a free people A partial Representation is a measure unknown in any part of his Majesty's, wide extended Dominions and entirely inconsistent with the Bulwark of our Liberties the glorious Bill of Rights the Pride of our Nation, and the envy of the rest of Mankind, under these distressing Circumstances unless your Excellency coincides with us, We dare not impose a General Tax Knowing, with what abhorrence, and detestation, every Member of the Community holds even the Idea of a Virtual Representation.

RESOLVED That the said Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor by the whole House

ORDERED That M^r Guinnett and M^r Andrew do know his Excellency the Governors pleasure, when he will be attended by this House with their Address, and accordingly they withdrew and being returned, M^r Guinnett reported, that, pursuant to order, they had waited upon his Excellency, to know his pleasure when he would be attended by the House, and that he was pleased to

say he would be ready to receive the House to Morrow Morning Ten of the Clock.

Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Savannah A Petition from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Savannah, whos names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, That the Petitioners are greatly alarmed at the large Quantities of Indian Corn that, as they are informed, and believe, have for some time past been bought up here, in order to be sent out of the Province, and are really apprehensive by such indirect means, superadded to the general complained of Scantiness of the last Years Crop of Corn, the Province may be injured and many Families distressed for want of such Provisions.

The Petitioners therefore pray that the truth of the Premises appearing, the same may be taken into serious Consideration, and that the House will grant such relief therein as the Importance and urgency of the Case may in Justice call for.

The House took the said Petition into Consideration and—

Order for a Bill to prevent the exportation of Indian Corn ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit, for a Certain time, the exportation of Indian Corn and that M^r Ewen and M^r William Young, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in the said Bill.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery was read to the House in the words following Viz^t

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

Message from his Excellency I herewith send you a Letter and a Petition which I received from the Inhabitants of Wrightsborough Township, also a Letter wrote by me in Consequence thereof,

with the Answer thereto The flourishing State of this Settlement is so well known and the great advantage it will soon be of to the Province (if protected and supported for awhile) is so obvious, that its needless for me to say any thing further on the Subject, and I doubt not but you will think a small Sum well applied towards Quieting the minds of those Industrious and well disposed people and encouraging them to persevere in their Plan and Improvements

JAMES WRIGHT

Savannah 20th February 1770

Then the Titles of the said several Papers were read

ORDERED That the said Message and papers do lye upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday February 21st 1770

M^r Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, to prohibit for a Certain time the Exportation of Indian Corn reported they had prepared the same, which was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a Second time.

The Speaker
with the House
attends the
Governor

M^r Speaker with the whole House went to attend his Excellency the Governor to present the address of this House, and being returned, M^r Speaker reported, that he, with the whole House had attended his Excellency the Governor, and presented their Address, to which his

Excellency was pleased to reply, that he would send a written answer to the House within an Hour.

Order for the Speaker to write the Agent to purchase a Mace &c.

ORDERED That M^r Speaker do write the Agent, desiring he will purchase for the use of the House, a Mace, to be made of Silver, and double Gilt, to cost a Sum not exceeding, One hundred pounds Sterling, also two Gowns such as he thinks will be proper for the Speaker and Clerk of an American Assembly.

Sum Voted for defraying the Charge thereof

RESOLVED That this House will provide a sum Sufficient to repay the Agent the expence of purchasing the said Mace and Gowns

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery was read to the House in the words following Viz^t

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

Message from his Excellency the Governor

In answer to your Address of Yesterday's date, just now presented to me, I must confess I did not expect it, after what has already passed between us on this occasion, 'Tis true, that in my answer to your address of the 16th November last, on this Subject, I so far agreed with you, as to Declare, that I thought it Just and right that every Parish and District in the Province should be Represented, at the same time I told you, that I did not know whether it was in my Power to comply with your Request, but that I should carefully examine my Instructions and if I thought my self at Liberty to issue such Writs, I would do it, and if not, I would state the Matter Home, and did not doubt but I should receive Orders to Issue Writs accordingly, I then laid the matter fully and clearly before his Majesty's Council, whose Advice and Consent it is Necessary for me to have in the Summoning and Calling General Assemblies, and after reviewing their Opinion and Advice thereupon, I sent the

same to you as my further Answer to your said Address, and thought the matter would have rested there till I should receive his Majesty's directions therein— But I find that was not satisfactory to you, and, on a Supposition that the Gentlemen of the Council have not paid due attention to his Majesty's Royal Proclamation of the 3^d October 1763, you now again apply to me, and on Carefull examination of the said Proclamation, I conceive you have founded your present Address on a Mistake, for no direction is thereby given to any of his Majesty's American Governors relative to the Summoning and Calling of Assemblies, or causing the Settlers of the Lands ceded by the Treaty concluded at Paris on the 10th of February 1763, to be Represented, but to the Governors of the four new Provinces only, and by the words of the said Proclamation, that matter is clearly and expressly Confined to the four new Governments therein mentioned and described and can by no means be applied or Construed to extend to this Province, I cannot therefore agree with you in Opinion on this Point, but apprehend I am to Conduct myself therein agreeable to my Commission and Instructions from his Majesty and which I shall certainly do, But as you seem to think the Gentlemen of the Council have not duly attended to the Proclamation of October 1763 I shall again lay this matter before them and whatever further Determination or Opinion they may come to thereupon I will communicate to you.

JAMES WRIGHT

Savannah 21st February 1770

Report of the
Commr. ap-
pointed to in-
spect what Re-
pairs are want-
ing for his Ex-
cellency the
Governors
House

M^r Ewen from the Committee appointed to examine the State of the House in which his Excellency the Governor Lives, and the Fences round the Same and report their Opinion thereon to the House, reported that the Committee had examined accordingly and come to the following Resolutions Viz^t

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Shingling an Sill at the West side of the House are rotten, also the Fence round the Lott and out Buildings are greatly decayed, all which ought to be repaired immediately

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee that a more durable and Convenient house ought to be built for the use of the present or any future Governor, and that the present House and Lot should be sold as it will be a Continual expence to keep in Repair

The first Resolution being read a Second time was agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the said Committee do immediately Order thereon employ proper workmen to repair the said House, Out-houses, and Fence.

RESOLVED That this House will provide a Sum Sufficient to defray the expence attending the repairing thereof—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday February 22^d 1770

Bill to prohibit
the exportation
of Indian Corn
read a Second
time & The Bill to prohibit for a Certain time the exportation of Indian Corn was read a Second time and ordered to be Committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Committed The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee accordingly to take the said Bill into Consideration and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r William Young from the Com-

mittee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration gone through the same and made Several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be Ingrossed.

<sup>Jury Bill read a
3d time</sup> The Ingrossed Bill intitled an Act to Amend an Act Intitled an Act for ascertaining the Qualifications of Jurors and for establishing the method of Ballotting and Summoning Jurors in the Province of Georgia was read a third time

^{& Passed} RESOLVED That the Bill do pass—

ORDERED That M^r Box do Carry the said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence.

<sup>Further Commt
of the Bill</sup> The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill for the further Amending an Act Intitled an Act for the better regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Bulloch from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration gone through the same and made several Amendments thereto which the Committee had directed him to report to the House and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

A Petition from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Ebenezer in the Parish of Saint Matthew whose names are thereunto Subscribed was presented to the House, and read, Setting forth, That the Commissioners of the Road for the District of Ebenezer, in the Parish of Saint Matthew on application to them made by the Reverend John Joachim Zubly, Clerk, have laid out unto him a private Road to his Plantation, Situate in the Island in the said District, That M^r Zubly, immediately after the Road had been laid out to him by the Commissioners, advertized the same, The Road to Middlesex Ferry—That the Legislature hath already established a Ferry at the Town of Ebenezer, which is but a Small distance from M^r Zubly's Island and is equally as passable.

The Petitioners therefore pray they may be heard in the Premises, and that the House will take the same into Consideration and do therein as to its Wisdom shall seem meet.

ORDERED That the said Petition do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

M^r Young from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to Continue the Several Laws therein mentioned, reported they had prepared the same, which was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a Second time.

And then the House Adjourned till to-Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday February 23^d 1770

The following Messages from the upper House, were presented to the House by the Master in Chancery.

Message from the Upper House

That the upper House have appointed a Committee to inspect the Journals of this House respecting an Address presented by this House on the 26th November last to his Excellency the Governor, for writs of Election to issue for Members to serve in General Assembly for the four New Parishes, together with his Excellency's Answer to the Said Address.

Order thereon

ORDERED That the Committee appointed by the upper House have leave to inspect the Journals of this House agreeable to their Message, Also that the upper House have agreed to an Ordinance for appointing Inspectors of Hemp, Flax, and Wheat flour, for the Ports of Savannah and Sunbury, with some Amendments, to which Amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Another Message from the Upper House

The House took the said Amendments into Consideration and disagreed thereto.

ORDERED That Mr Stevens do Carry the Ordinance to the upper House, and acquaint them, that this House having taken the Amendments made by their House to the said Ordinance into Consideration, have disagreed thereto, therefore this House desires that they will appoint a Committee to join a Committee of this House in in ^(sic) Conference on the Subject matter of the said Amendments.

The Ingrossed Bill, Intitled an Act to prohibit for a Certain time the Exportation of Indian Corn, was read the third time.

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED That M^r Glen do Carry the said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence.

The Bill to Continue the Several Laws therein mentioned was read a Second time and some Amendments were made by the House to the said Bill.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in an Ordinance for appointing Packers and Inspectors for the Ports of Savannah and Sunbury and also Cullers and Inspectors of Lumber in the said Ports, and that M^r William Young and M^r Ewen do prepare and bring in the same.

ORDERED That the Bill to enable the Commissioners appointed by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, Entituled, an Act for regulating The Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging to alien and Convey to and their Successors, in trust for ever, part of the said Common, for the purpose of enclosing a Cemetry, or Burial Ground, be read a Second time on Tuesday next.

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery.

That the Upper House doth agree that a Committee of their House do join a Committee of this House in a Conference on the subject matter of the amendments made to an Ordinance for appointing Inspectors of Hemp, Flax, and Wheat flour, for the Ports of Savannah and Sunbury and that the said Conference be in the room adjoining the Council Chamber immediately.

Committee, The Hon^{ble} James Read, John Graham, and Lewis Johnson Esquires.

ORDERED That M^r Bulloch M^r William Young, M^r Order thereon Farley, Sir Patrick Houstoun, and M^r Andrew, be a Committee to join the Committee of the upper House in the said Conference.

The Engrossed Bill, Intitled an Act for further Amending an Act, Intitled an Act for the better regulating the Town of Savannah for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging, was read the third time.

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED That M^r Bulloch do Carry the said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence.

RESOLVED That this House will provide a sum not exceeding Ten Pounds to be paid to John Rae Esquire for his purchasing a quantity of Flax Seed to be distributed by him in such manner as he shall judge most beneficial for the Culture thereof in this Province.

Resolution for providing £10 to buy Flax Seed

ORDERED That the Memorial from the Reverend John Joachim Zubly, Clerk, and the Petition from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Ebenezer in the Parish of Saint Matthew be taken under Consideration on Thursday next.

ORDERED That leave be given to bring in an Ordinance for appointing a Comptroller and Collector of the Country Duties at the Port of Sunbury and that M^r Mullryne, and M^r Ewen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Saturday February 24th 1770

*Ordinance for
appointing In-
spectors &c.
presented &
Read*

M^r William Young from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Ordinance for appointing Packers and Inspectors for the Ports of Savannah and Sunbury and also Cullers and Inspectors of Lumber in the said Ports reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time.

*Ordinance ap-
pointing a
Country Collec-
tor &c. pre-
sented*

M^r Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Ordinance for appointing James Kitchen to be Collector and Comptroller of the Country Duties at the Port of Sunbury, reported they had prepared the Same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time Then the said Ordinance was read a Second time and Ordered to be Engrossed.

And then the House adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

(sic)

The Ordinance for appointing James Kitchen Collector and Comptroller of the Country duties at the Port of Sunbury was read the third time.

RESOLVED That the Ordinance do pass.

ORDERED That M^r Deveaux do Carry the said Ordinance to the upper House and desire their Concurrence.

The Ordinance for appointing Packers and Inspectors for the Ports of Savannah and Sunbury and also Cullers and Inspectors of Lumber in the said Ports was read a Second time and ordered to be Engrossed.

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery.

**Message
from the
Upper House**

That the upper House have agreed to a Bill Intitled an Act for ascertaining the Qualifications of Jurors and for establishing the Method of Balloting and Summoning Jurors in the Province of Georgia without Amendments and also that the upper House have agreed to a Bill intitled an Act to prohibit for a Certain time the Exportation of Indian Corn without Amendments, and also that the upper House have agreed to an Ordinance for appointing James Kitchen Collector and Comptroller of the Country Duties at the Port of Sunbury without Amendments and also that the upper House have agreed to a Bill Intitled an Act for the better Security of the Inhabitants by obliging the Male White Persons to Carry Fire Arms to places of Publick Worship with some Amendments to which Amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The House took the Amendments made by the upper House to the said Bill into Consideration and agreed thereto.

ORDERED That M^r Morel do Carry the Bill to the upper House and acquaint them that this House doth agree to the Amendments made by their House to the said Bill.

**Report of the
Comm. of Con-
ference**

M^r Bulloch from the Committee of Conference of both Houses on the Amendments made by the upper House to the Ordinance appointing Inspectors of Hemp, Flax, and Wheat flour, for the Ports of Savannah and

Sunbury reported that the Committee of both Houses had agreed on certain Amendments to be made to the said Bill which he was directed to report to the House and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the same in at the Table where it was again read, and agreed to by the House.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday February 27th 1770

The order of the Day being read for reading a Second time the Bill to enable the Commissioners appointed by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province intitled an Act for regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging to Alien and Convey to and their Successors in trust forever part of the said Common for the purpose of enclosing Coemetry or Burial Ground the same was read accordingly a Second time and ordered to be Committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Bill to alien and
Convey part of
the Common
read a Second
time &

Committed

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly to take the said Bill into Consideration and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Glen from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and had made some progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to Sit again.

ORDERED That the Committee have Leave to Sit again

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery.

M^r Speaker

Message
from his
Excellency the
Governor

I am ordered by his Excellency the Governor to acquaint you that if your House have any Bills ready prepared for his assent he is ready to receive the House in the Council Chamber immediately and then he withdrew.

Accordingly M^r Speaker with the whole House went to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber And being returned

The House
attends his
Excellency &
receives the
Assent to sev-
eral Acts &
Ordinances

M^r Speaker reported that he with the whole House had attended his Excellency the Governor in the Council Chamber where he was pleased to give his Assent to the following Acts and Ordinances Viz^t

[For enumeration of these Acts differently arranged, see Journal of Upper House 27 Feb. 1770.]

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday February 28th 1770

Order for the
Treasurer and
Collector &c.
to lay their
Accos before
the House

ORDERED That the Treasurer, and the Collector and Comptroller of the Country Duties for the Port of Sunbury do lay an Account before the House of what Monies they have received in consequence of an Act passed the 11th April 1768 Intitled an Act for granting to his Majesty a Duty upon Raw Neat Hides exported from this Province and for preventing the exportation of unmerchantable Tanned Leather.

**Order for a Bill
to amend the
Act for raising
a Publick Store
of Gunpowder**

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to Amend an Act Intitled an Act for raising a Publick Store of Gun Powder for the Defence of this Province and also to amend an Act Intitled an Act for erecting a Publick Magazine and that M^r G्रeme, M^r Ewen, M^r Bulloch and M^r Le Conte do prepare and bring in the said Bill

**Order for an
Ordinance to
appoint a Har-
bour Master**

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in an Ordinance for appointing a Harbour Master for the Port of Savannah and that M^r Crooke and M^r Le Conte do prepare and bring in the same

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday 1st March 1770

**The Same
reported
and read**

M^r Le Conte, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Ordinance appointing Andrew Elton Wells Harbour Master, for the Port of Savannah, reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time.

**Mr. Zublys
Memorial
Considered**

The order of the day for taking under Consideration the Memorial of John Joachim Zubly, Clerk, and the Petition from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Ebenezer, in the Parish of Saint Matthew, being read, the House took the same into Consideration, and M^r Zubly was examined in support of his said Memorial, and some of the Petitioners were examined in support of the said Petition then the House proceeded further in the Consideration of the said Memorial and Petition, and—

RESOLVED That the Prayer of the said Memorial be granted, so far as respects the establishing a Ferry, as mentioned in the said Memorial.

Order thereon ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for establishing Two Ferries in this Province & for vesting the same in the Persons therein mentioned, and that M^r Bulloch, M^r William Young and M^r Groeme, do prepare and bring in the said Bill.

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery

**Message
from the
Upper House**

That the upper House have agreed to a Bill Entitled an Act, to regulate and ascertain the Rates of Wharfage, of Shipping, and Merchandize, and also to ascertain the Rates of Storage in the several ports in this Province, and for a better regulation of Wharfs and of Shipping in the said Ports, and for appointing the Duty of a Harbour Master for the Port of Savannah, with Several Amendments to which Amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The House took the said Amendments into Consideration and agreed to some, and disagreed to others.

Order thereon ORDERED That M^r Crooke do Carry the Bill to the upper House, and acquaint them, that this House, having taken the Amendments made by their House to the said Bill into Consideration, have agreed to some of the said Amendments, and disagreed to others, therefore this House desires they will appoint a Committee to join a Committee of this House in Conference upon the Subject matter of the said Amendments.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday March 2^d 1770

The Ordinance appointing Andrew Elton Wells Harbour Master for the Port of Savannah was read the second time, and—

ORDERED To be Ingrossed.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Saturday March 3^d 1770

M^r Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for Granting to his Majesty a Duty on Negroes, and other Goods, Wares and Merchandise, Imported into this Province, reported they had prepared the same, which was received, and read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

And then the House adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday March 5th 1770

The Bill for Granting to his Majesty and imposing a Duty on Negroes and other Goods, Wares and Merchandise Imported into this Province was read the Second time.

Same read a
Second time

Bill for regulating the Town of Savannah &c. Committed

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill to enable the Commissioners appointed by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province Intitled an Act for regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging, to Alien and Convey to Certain Persons and their Successors in Trust, part of the said Common for the purpose of inclosing a Coemetry or Burial Ground, and after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Glen from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration, gone through the same and made Several Amendments thereto which the Committee had directed him to report to the House, and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be Ingrossed.

Ordinance appointing a Harbour Master read a third time

The Ordinance appointing Andrew Elton Wells Harbour Master for the Port of Savannah was read the third time.

& passed

RESOLVED That the Ordinance do pass.

ORDERED That M^r Crooke do Carry the said Ordinance to the upper House and desire their Concurrence.

A Memorial from the Commissioners of the Roads for the first North West Division whose Names are thereunto Subscribed, was presented to the House and read setting forth That the Memorialists by a Carefull and just discharge of the Duties imposed on them and execution of the Powers given them in and by an Act of the General Assembly Commonly called the Road Act, have

caused the Roads in the first North West Division and also the Bridges within the same to be put into good order and Condition and presume to hope that by employing the Several persons liable to work on the said Road (for six days only in every Year) they will keep it so— The Memorialists further inform the House that they have at this time due, and owing them for fines imposed on Sundry Persons liable to work on the Roads within their Divisions who made Default Sixty Pounds Six Shillings and Six pence, which they have not occasion to expend in any of the Ways directed in and by the before mentioned Act of Assembly The Memorialists therefore humbly pray that the House taking into Consideration that the aforesaid Sum hath been acquired by the Diligence, Care and Attention of the Memorialists will be pleased to Grant the same together with all such fines as may be recovered from Defaulters within the said Division for not working Six days yearly for the term of three years to the Memorialists or the Commissioners of the Roads in the first North West Division for the time being in Trust and to be applied by them in purchasing Materials and paying Workmen for building a Chapel of Ease, or place of Public Worship, within their Division, and that the House will appoint a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill agreeable to the prayer of the Memorialists.

A Petition from the Inhabitants near the North West Road between Pipe makers Creek and the Spring Bridge, whose Names are thereunto subscribed was presented to the House and read Setting forth— That last August the Petitioners were Summoned and ordered by the Commissioners of the high Road with their Slaves to work on the upper part of the road near Augustines Creek by which means that part of the Road near the Plantations of the Petitioners were quite neglected and left unfin-

ished and unrepaired and is now almost impassable, and the Petitioners are informed that the said Commissioners have petitioned the House to have the Money which was levied on the Defaulters for not working, to be applied to the building a Chapel on Cherokee Hill contrary to the Law empowering them to raise and apply such Fines, the Petitioners therefore pray that the said Money raised which they are informed amounts to Sixty Pounds or upwards may be applied to the Purposes intended by the high Road Act and that the Spring Causeway may be repaired therewith so far as the aforesaid Sum will go that the high Road Act may be revised and Commissioners added to inspect and Compleat that part of the Road which has remained hitherto unfinished, and the Petitioners will pray &c^a

RESOLVED That the said Memorial and Petition be taken into Consideration on Thursday Morning next.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday March 6th 1770.

The House met and adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday March 7th 1770

The House met and adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday March 8th 1770

The Ingrossed Ordinance appointing Packers and Inspectors for the Ports of Savannah and Sunbury and also Cullers and Inspectors of Lumber in the said Ports was read the third time.

RESOLVED That the Ordinance do pass.

ORDERED That M^r Stevens do Carry the said Ordinance to the upper House, and desire their Concurrence.

The order of the day being read, for taking under Consideration the Memorial and Petition presented on Monday last.

The House took the Same into Consideration accordingly and—

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, agreeable to the prayer of the said Memorial so far as respects the Fines already incurred and that, Sir Patrick Houstoun, M^r Odingsell, and M^r Crooke, do prepare and bring in the same—

A Petition from
Several Persons
professing the
Jewish Religion

A Petition of several Persons professing the Jewish Religion whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that, in the Year One thousand Seven hundred and thirty three, a Number of Jew Families arrived in this Province from England, in consequence, of the Kings Proclamation, for the encouragement of Settlers therein That, upon their arrival here, General Oglethorpe allotted them a piece of ground upon the Common of the Town of Savannah, opposite the Lot now in possession of and belonging to David Truan, to bury their Dead in, And

where several of their Relations and Friends now lie interred The Petitioners therefore pray the House to take the same into Consideration, and to pass an Act for Confirming the first Allotment, and Vesting such a Quantity of Ground as the House shall think proper to give upon the Spot or Land before mentioned in Trust for such Persons as profess the Jewish Religion, and the Petitioners will pray &c^a

RESOLVED That the said Petition be taken into Consideration on Monday Morning next

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Message
from the
Upper House

That the upper House agrees to the Conference desired by this House on the Amendments made by their House to the Bill intitled an Act to regulate and ascertain the Rates of Wharfage of Shipping and Merchandise, and also to ascertain the Rates of Storage in the Several Ports of this Province, and for the better regulation of Wharfs in the Said Ports, and for appointing the Duty of a Harbour Master for the Port of Savannah, and have appointed the Same to be held in a Room adjoining the Council Chamber to Morrow Morning, Eleven OClock—

Committee, John Graham, James Edw^d Powell, and James Read Esquires. .

ORDERED That M^r Bulloch, M^r Odingsell, M^r Ewen, M^r Crooke, and M^r Andrew, be a Committee to join the Committee of the upper House in the said Conference.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take into Consideration the Bill for Granting to his Majesty and imposing a Duty on Negroes and other Goods, wares and Merchandise Import-

ed into this Province, and, after some time Spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Bulloch from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and made some progress therein, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

ORDERED That the Committee have leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday March 9th 1770

M^r Bulloch from the Committee of Conference of both Houses on the Amendments made by the upper House to the Ingrossed Bill to regulate and ascertain the rates of Wharfage, of Shipping and Merchandise, and also to ascertain the rates of Storage in the Several Ports of this Province and for the better regulation of Wharfs and of Shipping in the said Ports, and for ascertaining the Duty of a Harbour Master for the Port of Savannah, reported, that the Committee of both Houses had agreed on certain Amendments, to be made to the said Bill, which he was directed to report to the House, and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the same in at the Table where it was again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That M^r Crooke do Carry the Bill to the upper House, and acquaint them, that this House agrees to the report of their Committee of Conference.

RESOLVED That this House will on Thursday next, take into Consideration, whether they will enter upon a Tax Bill for the present Year.

JOURNAL OF COMMONS HOUSE

ORDERED That there be a Call of the House on Thursday next.

RESOLVED That such Members, who do not then Attend, shall be proceeded against with the Utmost Severity.

ORDERED That the Clerk do write the Several Absent Members, acquainting them of the above Order and Resolution.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday March 10th 1770

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill for granting to his Majesty and imposing a Duty on Negroes and other Goods Wares and Merchandise imported into this Province and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Bulloch from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration gone through the same and made several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

And then the House adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday March 12th 1770

The order of the Day for taking under Consideration the Petition of several Persons professing the Jewish Religion, presented to the House last Thursday, being read.

The House took the same into Consideration accordingly, and—

ORDERED That leave be given to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the prayer of the said petition, and that M^r Bulloch, M^r Crooke and M^r Greeme do prepare and bring in the said Bill

A Petition from William Harding was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That the Petitioner has been from his earliest Years brought up in the Practice of Machinery of various kinds both in Ireland, and America, and thinks that it is in his power to make many beneficial Improvements in the Rice pounding Machines, Sawmills, &c^a, preferable to any hitherto introduced in this Province, that he intends immediately to construct a Rice Machine, which may be viewed, and if not preferable to any of the Kind that have been seen in this Province, he does not expect the Countenance and favour of the House, That the Petitioner hopes (if his Endeavours should deserve the Attention of the House) to have a Certain Sum of Money provided conditionally, which will enable him to go on chearfully in every Branch of Machinery that may be advantageous to the Province in General, &c^a.

RESOLVED That this House will take the said Petition into Consideration on Tuesday Morning next.

The following Messages from the upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Messages
from the
Upper House

That a Committee of the upper House having joined a Committee of this House the 8th of February last, on the Subject matter of the Amendments made by their House to the Ingrossed Bill from this House, entitled an Act for raising a Number of Watchmen for preserving good Order in and about the Town of Savannah the upper House desires that this House will by message acquaint them of the report of the Committee thereon

Also that the upper House having on the 13th February last, joined this House in a free Conference on the subject matter of the amendments made by their House to the Ingrossed Bill from this House, entitled an Act for ordering and Governing Slaves within this Province &c. &c^a which Conference, at the request of this House is yet Kept Open the upper House therefore desires that the said free Conference may be resumed.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday March 13th 1770

The Ingrossed Bill entitled, an Act to Continue the several Laws therein mentioned, was read the third time, and an Amendment was made, by the House to the Bill.

RESOLVED That the Bill with the Amendments do pass.

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun do Carry the said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence.

The Ingrossed Bill entitled an Act to enable the Commissioners appointed by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province Intitled, an Act for regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging to Alien and Convey to certain Persons, and their Successors, in trust, part of the said Common for the purpose of inclosing a Coemetry or Burial Ground was read the third time

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun do Carry the said Bill to the upper House, and desire their Concurrence.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday March 14th 1770

A Petition from
the Inhabitants
of the Town of
Savannah

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Savannah, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that whereas a Petition hath been presented to the House by People professing the Jewish Religion, craving a Spot of Ground upon the Common of the Town of Savannah, opposite the Lot of David Truan, to bury their Dead in, That the Petitioners have been informed, and verily believe that some of their Dead, for several Years past, have been buried a considerable distance from Town which at this time can make but little Difference to them to Continue there, and the Petitioners are apprehensive, should the prayer of the Petition be granted it would reduce the Value of many of their Lots, as the Burial Ground would be more inconvenient than either of the Christian Coemetries are.

The Petitioners therefore Pray the House to take the same into Consideration, and Act therein as shall seem meet, and the Petitioners will pray &c*

ORDERED. That the said Petition do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

M^r Speaker, with the whole House, went to resume the free Conference with the upper House on the Ingrossed Bill, Intitled an Act for ordering and governing Slaves within this Province and for establishing a Jurisdiction for the trial of such Slaves, and other Persons therein mentioned, and to prevent the inveigling and Carrying away Slaves from their Masters, Owners, or Employers, and being returned, M^r Speaker reported they had at the said Conference Agreed on certain Amendments to be made to the said Bill.

The House took the same into Consideration, and agreed thereto, but at the same time—

RESOLVED, Nem: Con: That this House agrees to the suspending Clause solely from the Necessity of the Case, and not from any Conviction that such a Clause ought to be inserted in any Bill whatsoever, That this House looks upon suspending Clauses to be of such pernicious Consequences, that it almost tends to annihilate the Rights of any Assembly and may prevent the execution of any Act, though ever so immediately necessary and Beneficial to the Province.

RESOLVED Nem: Con: That this House having agreed through Necessity only to the suspending Clause to the above mentioned Bill, it ought never to be pleaded as a Precedent.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

The House resumes the Free Conference with the Upper House

Mr. Speaker reports

Resolution thereon ¶

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday March 15th 1770

The order of the day for a Call of the House being read the House was Called over accordingly.

Then the other Order of the day for taking under Consideration whether this House will enter upon a Tax bill for the present Year, being read, the House took the same into Consideration accordingly and a Debate arising—

The Question was put and passed in the Affirmative.

Then a Motion was made that there be a Clause in the Tax Bill, exempting the Four Southern Parishes from paying Tax as not being Represented, and—

RESOLVED That there be a Clause in the Tax Bill to exempt the Four Southern Parishes from paying Tax they not being Represented in this House.

RESOLVED That leave be given to bring in a Bill for granting to his Majesty the Sum of £ ^(sic) for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the Year One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy to be raised at certain rates and after the method therein mentioned And for the more effectual Collecting of Arrears and for exempting the Parishes of Saint David, Saint Patrick, Saint Thomas and Saint Mary they not being Represented, and that Sir Patrick Houstoun M^r Ewen, M^r Crooke, and M^r Reddoch do prepare and bring in the said Bill.

A Petition from several of the Inhabitants of the Town of Savannah, whose names are thereunto subscribed was presented to the House and read Setting forth that the

Petitioners understanding an application has been made to the House by the Inhabitants of this Town professing the Jewish Religion for the Confirmation of a piece of Land on the Common which many Years since was allotted for a Burying Ground for their People, and in which many have been interred As the Petitioners can have no objection to so reasonable request and are well assured that such Allotment was really made them for that purpose they therefore hope the House will in consideration of the Premises comply with their application and the Petitioners will pray &c—

ORDERED That the said Petition do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

Complaint being made by a Member of this House
 Complaint by a
 Member for be-
 ing served with
 a Writ
 that he had been served with a Writ or Process by the Provost Marshal during the present Session which he apprehends to be a Violation of the Rights and Privileges of an Assembly.

ORDERED That the said Complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges, and Elections,

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Message
 from the
 Upper House

That the upper House upon report from the Managers at the free Conference of both Houses on the Amendments made by their House to the Ingrossed Bill intitled an Act for ordering and governing Slaves within this Province and for establishing a Jurisdiction for the trial of Offences committed by such Slaves, and other Persons therein mentioned and to prevent the inveigling and Carrying away Slaves from their Masters, Owners, or Employers that the upper House doth agree to the Amendments made at the said free Conference.

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun do Carry the following Message to the upper House

Message to the Upper House

That this House in Answer to their Message of this day acquaint them that upon Report from the Committee of free Conference on the Amendments made to the Ingrossed Bill intitled an Act for ordering and governing Slaves within this Province and for establishing a Jurisdiction for the trial of Offences committed by such Slaves and other Persons therein mentioned, and to prevent the inveigling and Carrying away Slaves from their Masters Owners, or Employers, that this House have agreed (in Consequence of the great Necessity for such an Act) to the Amendments made at the said free Conference and at the same time have resolved it shall never be pleaded as a Precedent.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday March 16th 1770

Tax Bill presented & Read

M^r Crooke from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for Granting to his Majesty the Sum of £ ^(sic) for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the Year 1770 to be raised at certain rates and after the method therein mentioned and for the more effectual Collecting of Arrears and for exempting the Parishes of Saint David, Saint Patrick, Saint Thomas, and Saint Mary, they not being represented, reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery.

**Message
from the
Upper House**

That the upper House have agreed to the Bill intitled an Act to Continue the Several Laws therein mentioned without any Amendments.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday March 17th 1770

The House adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday March 19th 1770

The House met, and adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday March 20th 1770

The order of the day for taking under Consideration the Petition of William Harding being read, the House took the same into Consideration accordingly, and

RESOLVED That this House will provide the sum of **Vote to provide £100 for Wm. Harding** One hundred Pounds, to be paid to the said William Harding, agreeable to the prayer of the said Petition, upon his Machine being viewed by Commissioners to

be appointed by this House for that purpose, and it appearing to them to be of a new Construction, and of Publick Utility

Tax Bill read a
2d time

The Bill for granting to his Majesty the Sum of £ ^(sic) for the use and support of the Government of Georgia, for the Year 1770 to be raised at certain rates and after the method therein mentioned for the more effectual Collecting of Arrears, and for exempting the Parishes of Saint David, Saint Patrick, Saint Thomas and Saint Mary, they not being represented, was read the Second time.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday 21st March 1770

Duty Bill read a
3d time

The Ingrossed Bill Intitled, an Act for granting to his Majesty, and imposing a Duty on Negroes, Goods Wares, and Merchandise, Imported into this Province, was read the third time, and sundry Amendments were made by the House to the said Bill.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday 22^d March 1770

The Question was put, if the Ingrossed Bill intitled an Act for granting to his Majesty and imposing a-

Duty on Negroes, and Merchandise Imported into this Province, should pass, and it was—

Passed **RESOLVED** In the affirmative.

ORDERED That Mr Box do Carry the said Bill to the upper House, and desire their Concurrence

A Petition from Several of the Inhabitants &c. of the Parishes of St. Philip &c. holders of the Parishes of Saint Philip, Saint John, and Saint Andrew, whose names are thereunto subscribed was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That it is the Earnest request of the Petitioners, that a Ferry should by Law be established from the Town of Sunbury to some convenient place in the Parish of Saint Philip, to be chose by the House, or Commissioners for that purpose appointed, and a high Road laid out from such place to join the main Southern Road near Ogeechee Ferry, as by that means the distance between Savannah and Sunbury will be made shorter by Ten Miles, and in many other respects more Convenient to Travellers, and the Communication between the Metropolis and the flourishing Southern Settlements, rendered more open and easy, to the great Emolument and advantage of the Province in general—

The Petitioners therefore Pray that a Law may be brought in and passed through the House for that purpose.

Motion was made, that the Consideration of the said Petition be postponed till Tuesday Morning next

Upon the Question being put—

it passed in the Affirmative—

RESOLVED That this House will Resolve itself into a

Committee of the whole House, to take under Consideration the address of the Council of the 12th March 1770 to his Excellency the Governor as published in the Gazette of this Province on Wednesday the 14th this Instant—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday March 23^d 1770

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery—

That the upper House have agreed to an Ordinance appointing Andrew Elton Wells, Harbour Master for the Port of Savannah, without Amendments

That the upper House have also agreed to an Ordinance for appointing Packers and Inspectors for the Ports of Savannah and Sunbury an also Cullers and Inspectors of Lumber in the said Ports with an Amendment, to which Amendment they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The House took the Amendment made by the upper House to the said Ordinance under Consideration, and agreed thereto:

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun do Carry the Ordinance to the upper House, and acquaint them, that this House agrees to the Amendment made by their House to the said Ordinance

The House according to order Resolved itself into a

Committee on
the Address of
the Council to
his Excellency
the Governor

Committee of the whole House to take into Consideration the address of the Council of the 12th this Instant March, to his Excellency the Governor, and Published in the Gazette of this Province, and, after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Milledge from the Committee reported they had come to a Resolution which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place and afterwards delivered it, in at the Table, where it was again Read, and agreed to by the House Nem: Con: and is as follows, Viz^t

Resolution
thereon

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the address of the Council, of the 12th this Instant presented to his Excellency the Governor, and published in the Gazette of this Province, is an unjust Reflection, and an unprovoked Insult offered to the Dignity of this House.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday March 24th 1770

The House met and adjourned till Monday Morning, Ten of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday 26th March 1770

Committee on
the Accos.
against the
Publick

The House Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take under Consideration the several Accounts delivered in to the Clerk and after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Elbert

from the Committee reported they had taken the same into Consideration and made some progress therein, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again.

ORDERED That the Committee have leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday March 27th 1770

A Petition from the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Parish of Saint Philip, whose names are thereunto subscribed was presented to the House and Read Setting forth, that they are informed of a Petition presented to this House for laying out a New Road in that Parish and establishing a Ferry in the same by the Inhabitants of several Parishes no ways concerned and to whom it can be of no Benefit or Public Utility, they assert it will make at least a Difference of Ten Miles to Sunbury which the Petitioners deny it can make half that, as such a Road can not be Carried on a direct Line on Account of large Creeks and Marshes which it must head and will make a Distance at least of Fifteen or Eighteen Miles through bad ground, the Road already laid out and worked upon these fifteen Years is no ways compleat the Causeway having been impassable for near three Weeks and is much damaged by the late Fresh and is more than the few Inhabitants of that Parish can Keep in Repair the Petitioners therefore Pray that such a Road be not granted and they will ever pray, &c*

Then the order of the day for taking under Consideration the Petition from several of the Inhabitants and Free-

holders of the Parishes of Saint Philip, Saint John, and Saint Andrew, being read the House took the same into Consideration accordingly and—

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of the said Petition and that there be included in the said Bill a Clause, or Clauses, appointing and empowering Commissioners or Surveyors to lay out a Road from the Town of Queensborough in the nearest and most Convenient way to the Road already laid out from Savannah to the Hon^{ble} Jonathan Bryan's Cowpen on the River Great Ogeechee, and that M^r Greeme, M^r Crooke and M^r Rae do prepare and bring in the said Bill.

Order theron
And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday 28th March 1770

Memorial of
Saml. Savery

A Memorial from Samuel Savery whose name is thereunto Subscribed was presented to the House and read Setting forth—

That the Memorialist was in the Year 1768 employed to inspect the Survey of the Boundary Line (so Called) between this Province and the Creek Indian Nation, That the Memorialist, last Session of the Assembly preferred an Account wherein he charged at the Rate of 25/- per diem for the said Service and as he thought very moderate from the Inconveniences, dangers and Fatigues, he labored under, which may be made manifest by those who were appointed as Commissioners to see this Work executed, That the Memorialist is allowed by every Individual who employs him in Surveying (which he apprehends the above work if not Similar to be nearly allied

to) the Sum of 21/- per diem, and as the late Assembly only allowed him at the Rate of 15/- per day, he hopes the House taking the matter into Serious Consideration and being Convinced that it is Customary for Private Persons to pay for Resurveying 21/- per day they will allow him after the same Rate, that the Memorialist in executing this Work for the Public lost two Horses which cost him £22.. 10/- Sterling which he begs leave to submit to the House if a Compensation should not be made him, as it has been done to other Persons that lost their Horses and were employed as Assistants in the same Service. That the Memorialist was the only Surveyor that would undertake the Service it being presumed there was great Danger attending it which he by experience found to be true that the Memorialist made no kind of agreement with the Persons that employed him but submitted himself entirely to the Justice of the House which he still confides in and hopes the House will do in the Premisses as to their Wisdom shall seem meet &c^a

ORDERED That the said Memorial do lye upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

Comm. of the
Publick Accos.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into further Consideration the several Accounts against the Publick delivered in to the Clerk of this House and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Elbert from the Committee reported they had taken the said Accounts into further Consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again.

ORDERED That the Committee have Leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R.—B. of T., Georgia; Vol. 48.)

Thursday 29th March 1770

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into further Consideration the several Accounts against the Publick delivered in to the Clerk of this House, and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Elbert from the Committee reported they had taken the said Accounts into further Consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again.

ORDERED That the Committee have leave to sit again.

M^r Crooke from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for laying out a Road from some Convenient place in the Parish of Saint Philip, to join the Main Southern Road near Ogeechee Ferry and for empowering the Commissioners or Surveyors of the Roads to establish a Ferry from the Town of Sunbury and also for laying out a Road from the Town of Queensborough to the Cowpen of Jonathan Bryan Esquire on great Ogeechee River and for appointing Commissioners for the purposes herein mentioned, reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday 30th March 1770

*Further Comm.
of the Publick
Accos.*

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into further Consideration the several Accounts against the Publick delivered in to the Clerk of this House, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Elbert from the Committee reported they had taken the said Accounts into further Consideration, and gone through the same and that the Committee had come to a Resolution which he was directed to report to the House and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read and agreed to by the House.

*Road Bill read
a 2d time*

The Bill for laying out a Road from some Convenient place in the Parish of Saint Philip to join the main Southern Road near Ogechee Ferry, and for empowering the Commissioners or Surveyors of the Roads to establish a Ferry from the Town of Sunbury, and also for laying out a Road from the Town of Queensborough to the Cowpen of Jonathan Bryan Esquire on Great Ogechee River, and for appointing Commissioners for the purposes herein mentioned, was read the second time and ordered to be Committed.

*Bill to amend
an Act for reg-
ulating the
Town &c. pre-
sented*

Mr Crooke from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to enable the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, Intituled An Act for regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging, to Alien and Convey to certain Persons, and their Successors in trust, part of the said Common for the purpose of Inclosing a Coemetry or Burial Ground for the Inhabitants of the said Town of Savannah professing the

Jewish Religion reported they had prepared the same, which was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a Second time.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday 31st March 1770

Road Bill Com- The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration the Bill for laying out a Road from some Convenient place in the Parish of Saint Philip to join the main Southern Road near Ogeechee Ferry, and for empowering the Commissioners or Surveyors of the Roads to establish a Ferry from the Town of Sunbury, and also for laying out a Road from the Town of Queensborough to the Cowpen of Jonathan Bryan Esquire on Great Ogeechee River, and for appointing Commissioners for the purposes herein mentioned, and, after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Guinnett from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration gone through the same, and made several Amendments thereto, which the Committee had directed him to report to the House, and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill, with Amendments be Ingrossed

Title Altered RESOLVED That the Title of the said Bill be a Bill, Intituled an Act for laying out a Road in the Parish of Saint Philip, and empowering the Commissioners to establish

a Ferry to the Town of Sunbury and also for laying out a Road from the Town of Queensborough to join the Newington Road leading to Savannah, and for clearing the River Great Ogechee.

Sundry Papers
laid before the
House by order
of his Excy.

The Master in Chancery by order of his Excellency the Governor, presented to the House several Papers, which his Excellency had received relative to the Inhabitants of Wrightsborough Township, and the said Papers being severally read, the House took the same into Consideration, and—

Resolution
thereon

RESOLVED That this House will provide a Sum not exceeding One hundred pounds to be appropriated for the protection of the said and adjacent Inhabitants from the Insults of the Stragling Indians, who steal their Horses and Commit other Depridations.

And then the House adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday 2^d April 1770

Bill for Laying
out a Road &c.
read the third
time

The Ingrossed Bill Intitled an Act for laying out a Road in the Parish of Saint Philip and empowering Commissioners to establish a Ferry to and from the Town of Sunbury and also for laying out a Road from the Town of Queensborough to Join the Newington Road leading to Savannah and for clearing the River Great Ogechee was read the third time and some Amendments were made by the House to the Bill.

and Passed

RESOLVED That the Bill with the Amendments do pass.

ORDERED That Mr Crooke do Carry the Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence

Report of the Comm. of Conference M^r Grøeme from the Committee of Conference of both Houses on the Amendments made by the upper House to the Ingrossed Bill Intitled an Act for raising a Number of Watchmen for preserving good order in and about the Town of Savannah, reported that the Committee of both Houses had agreed on certain Amendments to be made to the said Bill which he was directed to report to the House and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the same in at the Table where it was again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That M^r Crooke do Carry the Bill to the upper House and acquaint them that the House agrees to the report of their Committee of Conference.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday 3^d April 1770

Bill for granting a Burial Ground to Persons professing the Jewish Religion read a Second time The Bill to enable the Commissioners in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province Intitled an Act for regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging to Alien and Convey to certain Persons and their Successors in trust part of the said Common for the purpose of Inclosing a Cœmetry or Burial Ground for the Inhabitants of the said Town of Savannah professing the Jewish Religion, was read a Second time and ordered to be Committed—

Order for a Bill to encourage the Cultivation of Tobacco ORDERED That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the encouraging the Cultivation of Tobacco in this Province and appointing Inspectors thereof in the Town of Augusta and that M^r Crooke M^r Rae, M^r Ewen, and M^r Ebert do prepare and bring in the said Bill—

Commitment
 of the Bill for
 granting a
 Burial Ground
 to the Persons
 professing the
 Jewish Re-
 ligion

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take into Consideration the Bill to enable the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province Intitled an Act for regulating the Town of Savannah, and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging to Alien and Convey to certain persons and their Successors in trust, part of the said Common for the purposes of Inclosing a Coemetry or Burial Ground for the Inhabitants of the said Town of Savannah professing the Jewish Religion, and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Elbert from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration gone through the same and made several Amendments thereto which he was directed to Report to the House and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amnedments be Ingrossed.

ORDERED That the said Bill be offered for the third Reading on Friday next.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday 4th April 1770

Committee on
 the Estimate

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration the Estimate of the necessary Charges of Government in the Province of Georgia for one Year commencing the 29th September 1769 and ending the 29th September 1770 and after some

time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Elbert from the Committee reported they had taken the same into Consideration and made some progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

ORDERED That the Committee have Leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday 5th April 1770

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into futher Consideration the Estimate of the Necessary Charges of Government in the Province of Georgia for one Year Commencing the 29th September 1769 and ending 29th September 1770 and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Elbert from the Committee reported they had taken the said Estimate into further Consideration gone through the same, and come to several Resolutions which the Committee had directed him to Report to the House and he read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered the same in at the Table where it was again read and agreed to by the House.

*Further Comm.
of the Estimate*

ORDERED That a Committee of ways and means be appointed for raising and Granting to his Majesty the Sum of £ ^(sic) for defraying the expence of this Government for the ensuing Year and a Committee was appointed accordingly—

*Comm. of Ways
& Means ap-
pointed*

Committed to M^r Le Conte, M^r Ewen, M^r Elbert, M^r Andrew and M^r Box.

Their Report

M^r Elbert from the Committee appointed to consider of ways, and means, for raising the Sum of £3355.. 9.. 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ for defraying the expence of this Government for the Current Year, reported they had Considered the same and come to a Resolution which the Committee had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where it was again Read and agreed to by the House.

Commitment of the Tax Bill The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into Consideration the Bill for Granting to his Majesty the Sum of £3355.. 9.. 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ for the use and support of the Government of Georgia for the Year One thousand Seven hundred and seventy to be raised at certain rates, and after the method therein mentioned, for the more effectual Collecting of Arrears, and for exempting the Parishes of Saint David, Saint Patrick, Saint Thomas, and Saint Mary, they not being represented, and, after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Elbert from the Committee Reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration, gone through the same, and made Several Amendments thereto, which the Committee had directed him to report to the House and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read, and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be Ingrossed.

ORDERED That the said Bill be offered for the third reading on Saturday morning next.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday 6th April 1770

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery—

**Message
from the
Upper House**

That the upper House have passed a Bill, Intitled an Act, to Amend an Act, Intitled an Act to prevent the bringing into and spreading of Malignant and Contagious Distempers in this Province, to oblige Masters or Commanders of Vessels going out of any Port within the same, first to produce a Passport from the Governor or Commander in Chief, to prevent the Harbouring of Sick Sailors and others, and for the regulating and well ordering of the Lazaretto upon the Island of Tybee, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time.

Bill for granting a Burial Ground to Persons professing the Jewish Religion read a third time

The Ingrossed Bill, Intitled, an Act to enable the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, Intitled an Act for regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging to Alien and Convey to certain persons and their Successors, in trust, part of the said Common for the purpose of Inclosing a Cœmetry or Burial Ground for the Inhabitants of the said Town of Savannah professing the Jewish Religion, was read the third time.

The Question was put if the said Bill should pass and it was—

& Passed

RESOLVED in the Affirmative.

ORDERED That M^r Crooke do Carry the Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence

Ingrossed Bill
to amend an
Act to prevent
Malignant Dis-
tempers &c.
read a Second
time

The Ingrossed Bill from the upper House, Intitled, an Act to amend an Act, Intitled an Act to prevent the bringing into and Spreading of Malignant and Contagious Distempers in this Province, to oblige Masters or Com-

manders of Vessels going out of any Port within the same first to produce a passport from the Governor or Commander in Chief to prevent the harbouring of Sick Sailors and others, and for the regulating and well ordering the Lazaretto upon the Island of Tybee was read the Second time.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday 7th April 1770

said Bill
Committed

This House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take into Consideration the Ingrossed Bill from the upper House Intitled an Act, to Amend an Act, Intitled an Act, to prevent the bringing into and Spreading of Malignant and Contagious Distempers in this Province to oblige Masters or Commanders of Vessels going out of any Port within the same first to produce a passport from the Governor or Commander in Chief to prevent the Harbouring of Sick Sailors and others, and for the regulating and well ordering of the Lazaretto upon the Island of Tybee and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Crooke from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration, and made some amendments thereto, which the Committee had directed him to report to the House and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at

the Table, where the Amendments were again read, and agreed to by the House

Then the said Bill, with the Amendments was read the third time.

RESOLVED That the Bill with the Amendments do pass.

ORDERED That M^r Glen do Carry the said Bill to the upper House and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same with some Amendments, to which Amendments they desire the Concurrence of their House.

A Memorial from Charles Watson whose name is thereunto subscribed was presented to the House and read Setting forth that the Memorialist has acted in the Office of Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the upper House of Assembly for thirteen Years past and has made it his constant (^{sic}) to discharge the Duties of his Station with Zeal, Fidelity, and Diligence, That the Memorialist has no Emolument arising by Salary from his Offices except the Sum of Thirty pounds which the House has been pleased to Settle on the Clerk of the upper House, That the Sum of £40 Annually provided by the Tax Law for transmitting minutes of Council &c^a is much too little as for these two Years past the Memorialist has had a Ballance near £20 each year due on his Account delivered notwithstanding he has never yet charged for entering in the fair Council Books further than to September 1767 so that there is an Arrear of more than two Years and a half due to the Memorialist for that particular Business which Continued to September next will be nothing short of One hundred pounds That the Memorialist has ever been cautious of trespassing on the Business of the House or of Solliciting its attention to matters that may be thought trivial, but as what the Memorialist has herein set forth

^a Memorial
from Chas.
Watson

is of some Consequence to him at this particular Juncture
He hopes the House will consider the same and do therein,
as shall seem fitting.

ORDERED That the Consideration of the said Memo-
rial be postponed till the third reading of the Tax Bill.

The Ingrossed Bill intitled an Act for granting to his
Tax Bill read a third time Majesty the Sum of £3355.. 9.. 0¼ for the use and sup-
port of the Government of Georgia for the Year One thou-
sand Seven hundred and Seventy to be raised at certain
rates and after the method therein mentioned for the more
effectual Collecting of Arrears and for exempting the
Parishes of Saint David, Saint Patrick, Saint Thomas and
Saint Mary, they not being represented was read the third
time.

and Passed RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

And then the House adjourned till Mon-
day Morning Ten of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday 9th April 1770

The House met and adjourned till to Morrow Morn-
ing, Nine of the Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday 10th April 1770

The House met and adjourned till to Morrow Morn-
ing, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia; Vol. 48.)

Wednesday 11th April 1770

*Bill appointing
Inspectors of
Tobacco pre-
sented*

M^r Elbert from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for appointing Inspectors of Tobacco at Augusta and to prevent the Exportation of bad and unmerchantable Tobacco reported they had prepared the same, which was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a Second time.

*Memorial from
Wm. Lyford
the Pilot for
the Port of
Savannah*

A Memorial from William Lyford, Pilot for the Port of Savannah, whose name is thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read setting forth, That the Memorialist, about four Years ago, being an Inhabitant of Charles Town and very well Settled there, was invited to come and settle in this Province, by the principal part of the Inhabitants of Savannah, especially by the most part of the Merchants, who made frequent applications to the Memorialist, declaring that as the Province stood in great need of a Good Pilot, to Navigate with Safety Ships and Vessels into and out of the Port of Savannah, and such a Person was difficult to be found, they did not doubt but that the Commons House of Assembly would grant Yearly a Sum equivalent to any extraordinary trouble and loss of time he would be at or sustain by the Distance he would be obliged to bring up Vessels from Cockspur to Savannah the difficulty of Navigation, and the extraordinary Number of skilfull hands he would of Course be obliged to keep employed in that Business, that the Mémorialist entirely relying on the Province to grant him Yearly a Sum equivalent to the Trouble and expencē he would be at by Carrying on the Pilotage business here (as the Number of Vessels coming into this Port are very uncertain, and perhaps not worth his While to Carry on the said business without

such Grant) did accordingly come to this Province with his family and brought with him Twelve Negroes and two Boats in order to Carry on the same with Spirit and Alacrity, which he has faithfully done ever since his Arrival here to this time though the Memorialist has met with several great and heavy Losses, that the Memorialist hath been credibly informed that the House has voted to the several Pilots for the ensuing Year no more than the Sum of £100 St^s notwithstanding a Yearly Sum of £150 hath hitherto been provided for the purposes aforesaid ever since his Arrival here, by which means the Memorialist will be entirely disabled to Carry on the said Business any longer, as from an accurate and the lowest Calculation made by several of the Merchants of this Town of the hire of the Memorialist's Negroes and Boats, entirely employed in the Pilotage Business, will amount to at least the sum of £516 Sterling, exclusive of the Risk of losing any of them and also exclusive of the Memorialist's own time and trouble entirely devoted to and Spent in the Carrying on the said Business, The Memorialist therefore prays the House to take the premises into serious Consideration, and Grant him such relief therein as to its Wisdom shall seem meet.

The House took the said Memorial into Consideration and

RESOLVED That this House will provide a Sufficient Sum, to be paid to the Several Pilots of this Province, after the rate of thirty Shillings for every Ship or Vessel (Coasters excepted) they shall board (or in case of bad weather meet) and bring in from without any Bar in this Province, upon proper proof thereof being made, and that the Sum of £100 already provided in the Tax Bill shall be Considered and go in aid of the encouragement intended by this Resolution.

Resolution
thereon

Resolution to provide £30 for the Medway Pilots

RESOLVED That this House will provide the Sum of thirty Pounds to be paid to the Medway Pilots, as an additional Salary to them, over and above the sum of Twenty Pounds provided already in the Tax Bill.

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery

Message from the Upper House

That the upper House have passed a Bill, intituled an Act to explain and Amend an Act of the General Assembly, intituled an Act for constituting and dividing the several districts and Divisions of this Province into Parishes, and for establishing religious worship therein according to the rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England, and also for empowering the Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the respective Parishes to assess Rates for the repair of Churches the relief of the Poor, and other Parochial Services so far as relates to the Cœmetry or Burial Ground for the Parish of Christ Church in the said Province to which they desire the Concurrence of this House

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a Second time.

Petition of John Joachim Zubly

A Petition from John Joachim Zubly, Clerk, whose name is thereunto Subscribed, was presented to the House and read, Setting forth, that, in Consequence of a Petition lately presented, by a number of his Hearers, a Bill has been passed in the House to annex a Burial Ground to the meeting in which he now officiates, in trust for that purpose to certain Persons therein mentioned, which Bill the Petitioner is informed will in a good measure answer the Purposes prayed for, the Petitioner disclaims any fee whatever to be given or taken for that or any other part of his Office, otherwise than the Goodwill of the Givers, the Petitioner being informed that a new Bill, very different from that passed in the House, is intend-

ed to be Offered, which he is apprehensive will by no means answer the design prayed for, and quite Contrary to the prayer of the Petition granted in the House, if not detrimental to the Rights of Freeholders altogether, as the petitioner has been informed, the Petitioner, in behalf of himself and his Congregation, prays, that he or they may be heard upon the Premises, either in person, or by Council

**Resolution
thereon**

RESOLVED That this House will take the said Petition into Consideration to Morrow Morning and that Mr Zubly may be heard by himself or Council, at the same time, in support of the said Petition.

ORDERED That the Clerk do furnish Mr Zubly with **Order thereon** a Copy of the Ingrossed Bill from the upper House just now read agreeable to his request

**Tobacco Bill
read a Second
time**

The Bill for appointing Inspectors of Tobacco at Augusta, and to prevent the exportation of bad and unmerchantable Tobacco, was read the second time; and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Committed

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee accordingly, to take the said Bill into Consideration, and, after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Bulloch from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration, and made several Amendments thereto, which the Committee had directed him to Report to the House, and he Read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again Read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be Ingrossed.

Title Altered

RESOLVED That the Title of the said Bill shall be a Bill, Intitled an Act for appointing Inspectors of Tobacco, and to prevent the expotation of bad and unmerchantable Tobacco.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday 12th April 1770

**Mr. Zublys Pe-
tition consid-
ered**

The order of the Day being read for taking under Consideration the Petition of John Joachim Zubly, Clerk the House took the same into Consideration accordingly, and M^r Zubly was called in and heard at the Bar of the House in support of the said Petition and then he was directed to withdraw.

**Ingrossed
Bill to explain
and amend An
Act for divid-
ing the Several
Districts &c
into Parishes**

Then motion was made, that the Ingrossed Bill from the upper House, Intitled an Act to explain and Amend an Act of the General Assembly, intitled an Act for constituting and dividing the several districts and Divisions of this Province into Parishes and for establishing religious Worship therein, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England and also for empowering the Church Wardens and Vestry Men of the respective Parishes to assess Rates for the Repair of Churches, the Relief of the Poor and other Parochial Services, so far as relates to the Cœmetry, or burial Ground, for the Parish of Christ Church in the said Province should be read a Second Time.

**read a Second
time**

The Question being put, it passed in the affirmative then the said Bill was read a Second time,

~~Commitment
postponed till
the 4th June~~

Motion was made that the said Bill be Committed on the fourth day of June next.

The Question being put it passed in the Affirmative

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery

~~Message
from the
Upper House~~

That the upper House have agreed to the Bill Intituled an Act for laying out a Road in the Parish of Saint Philip and Empowering the Commissioners to establish a Ferry to and from the Town of Sunbury, and also for laying out a Road from the Town of Queensborough to Join the Newington Road leading to Savannah and for Clearing the River Great Ogechee, with several Amendments. to which Amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House.

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery.

~~Message
from the
Upper House~~

That the upper House have agreed to the Ingrossed Bill from this House, Intituled an Act, to Amend an Act, Intituled an Act, to ascertain the manner and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly without any Amendments.

That the upper House have also agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Ingrossed Bill from their House, Intituled an Act to Amend an Act, intituled an Act. to prevent the bringing into and Spreading of Malignant and Contagious Distempers in this Province, to oblige Masters or Commanders of Vessels going out of any Port within the same, first to produce a passport from the Governor or Commander in Chief to prevent the Harbouiring of Sick Sailors, and for the Regulating

and well ordering of the Lazaretto upon the Island of Tybee.

**Order for an
Ordinance to
appoint an
Agent**

Motion was made for Leave to bring in an Ordinance for appointing an Agent to Sollicit the affairs of this Province in Great Britain to commence the first day of June next, and to Continue for One Year

The Question being put it passed in the Affirmative.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in an Ordinance for appointing an Agent to Sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain, to commence the first day of June next and to Continue for One Year, and that M^r Milledge, M^r Mullryne and M^r Guinnett, do prepare and bring in the same.

**The Speaker
being indis-
posed**

M^r Speaker being unable to attend His Excellency the Governor was pleased to send the following Message to the House Viz^t

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly.

**The House is
adjourned by
his Excy.**

I do hereby adjourn the Commons House of Assembly and ^(sic) until Tuesday the Twenty fourth day of this Instant April then to meet for the dispatch of Business and it is accordingly adjourned to the 24th Instant.

Given under my hand at Savannah
this 14th day of April 1770

JAMES WRIGHT

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday 24th April 1770

M^r Speaker still Continuing unable to Attend his Ex-

cellency the Governor, was pleased to send the following Message to the House.

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

I do hereby adjourn the Commons House of Assembly until Tuesday the first day of May next then to meet for the dispatch of business and it is accordingly adjourned to the first day of May next

Given under my hand at Savannah
this 24th day of April 1770

JAMES WRGIHT

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday May 1st 1770

M^r Milledge from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Ordinance for appointing an Agent to Sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain to commence the first day of June next and to Continue for one Year, reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time.

The Ingrossed Bill Intitled an Act for appointing Inspectors of Tobacco and to prevent the exportation of bad and unmerchantable Tobacco was read a third time.

*** Passed**

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED That M^r Crooke do carry the said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence

ORDERED That M^r Crooke do Carry the Bill Intitled an Act for Granting to his Majesty the Sum of £3355.. 9.. 0¼ for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the Year 1770 to be raised at certain

Ordinance for
appointing an
Agent pre-
sented

Tobacco Bill
read a third
time

Tax Bill sent
to the Upper
House

Rates, and after the method therein mentioned for the more effectual Collecting of Arrears and for exempting the Parishes of Saint David, Saint Patrick, Saint Thomas, and Saint Mary They not being represented to the upper House and desire their Concurrence.

a Memorial
from Thomas
Moodie Dy.
Secretary

A Memorial from Thomas Moodie Deputy Secretary whos name is thereunto Subscribed was presented to the House and Read Setting forth, that the Memorialist has Acted as Deputy Secretary of this Province since the 2^d January 1765 and he hopes to the Satisfaction of all Concerned That the Commons House of Assembly has hitherto been pleased to provide him a Sum for doing publick business not exceeding £60 payable the 29th September every year, and so late as the Year 1767 as will appear by the Several Tax Acts, That since that time they have only provided Yearly the Sum of £40 for the said Business, these Provisions were made in order to pay him for Business done to the 29th September in each Year The State of his Account for Two Years are as follows—

The Amount of his Account to 29 th Sep-	
tember 1765	£62.. 14.. 11½
he only Received what was provided for	
him	60.. -.. -

which Sum was provided in next Tax	
Act	£ 2.. 14.. 11½

He was provided in the Act 1766.....	£60.. -.. -
but his Account came only to	52.. 10.. 9½

So his Account were short of the Pro-	
vision for him this Ballance he did not	£ 7.. 9.. 2½
nor could not Receive.....	

That it will appear by all his former Accounts the

Business he is intitled to do as Secretary has always been done before he demanded the Money of the Treasurer

That he has no appointment from the Publick nor Salary and that considering his Circumstances and Necessity's he humbly hopes the Assembly will take his Case into their Serious Consideration and allow such a Sum as will enable the Treasurer to pay him what will fall due by his Attested Account to the 29th September next as usual &c^a

That the said Memorial do lye upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday May 2^d 1770

Order for a Bill
to assess the
Inhabitants of
Savannah &c.
for support of
a Town Watch

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill empowering Commissioners to assess the Inhabitants of the Town of Savannah in the Sum of £200.. 13.. 4 and also to empower the Treasurer to issue Certificates for the Sum of £100.. 6.. 8 to be sunk in the next General Tax Act for supporting a Watch in the Town of Savannah and that M^r Grceme, M^r Le Conte, and M^r Ewen do prepare and bring in the said Bill

Ordinance Re-
appointing the
Agent read a
Second time

The Ordinance for reappointing Benjamin Franklin Esquire Agent to Sollicit the affairs of this Province in Great Britain to commence the first day of June next and to continue for One Year was read the second time and

ORDERED To be Ingrossed.

The House took into Consideration the Amendments

The House con-
siders the
Amendments
made by the
Upper House to
the Road Bill

made by the upper House to the Ingrossed Bill intitled an Act for laying out a Road in the Parish of S^t Philip and impowering the Commissioners to establish Ferrys to and from the Town of Sunbury and also for laying out a Road from the Town of Queensborough to Join the Newington Road leading to Savannah and for clearing the River Great Ogeechee and agreed to all the said Amendments except one.

ORDERED That M^r Groeme do Carry the Bill to the upper House and acquaint them, that this House, having taken the Amendments made by their House to the said Bill into Consideration, have agreed to all the Amendments except one, therefore this House desires they will they will ^(sic) appoint a Committee to join a Committee of this House in Conference upon the Subject matter of the said Amendments

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday May 3^d 1770

Bill to assess
the Inhabitants
of the Town of
Savannah &c.
for support of a
Town Watch
read

M^r Le Conte from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill empowering Commissioners to assess the Inhabitants of the Town of Savannah in the Sum of £200.. 13.. 4 and also to empower the Treasurer to issue Certificates for the Sum of £100.. 6.. 8 to be sunk in the next General Tax Act for supporting a Watch in the Town of Savannah, reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and Ordered to be read a Second time.

The Ordinance for Reappointing Benjamin Franklin

**Ordinance for
Reappointing
the Agent read
a third time** Esquire, Agent to Sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain, to Commence the first day of June next, and to Continue for One Year, was read a third time.

& Passed RESOLVED That the Ordinance do pass.

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun do Carry the said Ordinance to the upper House, and desire their Concurrence.

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery.

**Message
from the
Upper House**

That the upper House agrees to the Conference desired by this House on the Amendments made by their House to the Ingrossed Bill for laying out a road in the Parish of Saint Philip, and empowering Commissioners to establish Ferries &c, &c, and have named a Committee for that purpose, and do appoint the same to be held in the Room adjoining the Council Chamber immediately

Committee James M^cKay and James Read Esquires

**Report of the
Committee of
Conference**

ORDERED That M^r Le Conte, M^r Farley and M^r Groeme be a Committee to join the Committee of the upper House in the said Conference, and accordingly they went to the said Conference, and being returned M^r Groeme reported that they had joined the Committee of the upper House in Conference on the Amendments made to the said Bill and had agreed to the same which he was directed to report to the House and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the same in at the Table where it was again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That M^r Groeme do Carry the Bill to the upper House and acquaint them that this House agrees to the report of their Committee of Conference.

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Message from
the upper
House That the upper House desires that they may have laid before them the Correspondence that has passed between M^r Benjamin Franklin and the Publick during the time he has been appointed Agent for this Province

ORDERED That the upper House be furnished with the same

The House took under Consideration his Excellency the Governor's Message N° 2 of the 7th of November last, and

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address in Answer to the said Message, and a Committee was appointed accordingly.

Committed to M^r Le Conte, M^r Andrew, M^r Græme, M^r Crooke, and Sir Patrick Houstoun.

ORDERED That his Excellency the Governor's Message be referred to the said Committee.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday May 4th 1770

Bill to assess
the Inhabitants
of the Town of
Savh. &c.
read a Second
time The Bill for empowering Commissioners to assess the Inhabitants of the Town of Savannah in the Sum of £200.. 13.. 4 and also to empower the Treasurer to issue Certificates for the sum of £100.. 6.. 8 to be sunk by the next General Tax Act for supporting a Watch in the

Town of Savannah, was read a second time, and ordered to be Committed.

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery

*Message from
the Upper
House*

That the upper House have agreed to the Ingrossed Bill for granting to his Majesty the Sum of £3355.. 9.. 0¼ for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the Year 1770, to be raised at certain Rates, and after the method therein mentioned, for the more effectual Collecting of Arrears and for exempting the Parishes of Saint David, Saint Patrick, Saint Thomas, and Saint Mary, they not being represented, without any Amendment.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday May 5th 1770

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery.

*Message from
the Upper
House*

That the upper House have agreed to the Bill Intitled, an Act for further Amending an Act, Intitled an Act for the better regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging without any Amendments, that the upper House have also agreed to a Bill, Intitled, an Act for appointing Inspectors of Tobacco, and to prevent the exportation of bad and unmerchantable Tobacco, without Amendments.

That the upper House have also agreed to an Ordinance for Reappointing Benjamin Franklin Esquire

Agent to Sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain, to Commence the first day of June next and to Continue for One Year, with some Amendments, to which Amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House.

*Commitment of
the Bill to as-
sess the Inhab-
itants of the
Town of Savan-
nah &c.*

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take into Consideration the Bill for empowering Commissioners to assess the Inhabitants of the Town of Savannah in the Sum of £200.. 13.. 4 and also to empower the Treasurer to issue Certificates for the Sum of £100.. 6.. 8 to be sunk by the next general Tax for supporting a Watch in the Town of Savannah, and after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r William Young from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration, gone though the same, and made several Amendments thereto, which the Committee had directed him to Report to the House and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be Ingrossed

The House took under Consideration the amendments made by the upper House to the Ordinance for Reappointing Benjamin Franklin Esquire Agent to Sollicit the affairs of this Province in Great Britain to Commence the first day of June next, and to Continue for One Year and agreed to the same.

ORDERED That M^r Greeme do Carry the Ordinance to the upper House, and acquaint them that this House agrees to the Amendments made by their House to the said Ordinance.

Said Bill read a third time

The Ingrossed Bill for empowering Commissioners to Assess the Inhabitants of the Town of Savannah in the Sum of £200.. 13.. 4 and also to empower the Treasurer to issue Certificates for the Sum of £100..6..8 to be sunk by the next general Tax Act for supporting a Watch in the Town of Savannah was read a third time.

and Passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED That M^r Grøeme do Carry the Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence.

Committee appointed to draw up Instructions to the Agent

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to draw up such Instructions as may be thought proper to be transmitted to the Agent, and report the same to the House, and a Committee was appointed accordingly

Committed, to M^r Crooke, M^r Le Conte, M^r Simpson, M^r Ewen, and M^r Grøeme.

A Message from the upper House to the Master in Chancery—

Message from the upper House

That the upper House have agreed to the Ingrossed Bill for empowering Commissioners to Assess the Inhabitants of the Town of Savannah in the Sum of £200..13..4 and also to empower the Treasurer to issue Certificates for the Sum of £100..6..8 to be sunk by the next general Tax Act for supporting a Watch in the Town of Savannah, without any Amendments.

And then the House adjourned till Monday Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday May 7th 1770

The House met and adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday May 8th 1770

The House met and adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday May 9th 1770

The House met and adjourned till to Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday May 10th 1770

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery—

Message from his Excellency His Excellency the Governor requires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately

Accordingly M^r Speaker with the whole House went

The House attends his Excellency and he gives his Assent to several Acts &c. to attend his Excellency the Governor in the Council Chamber, and being returned M^r Speaker reported that he with the whole House had attended his Excellency

in the Council Chamber where he was pleased to give his Assent to the following Acts and Ordinances Viz^t

[For enumeration of these Acts, see Journal of Upper House 10 May 1770.]

M^r Speaker further reported that his Excellency the Governor was pleased to say he would consider of the following Bills Viz^t

[For enumeration of these two Bills, see Journal of Upper House 10 May 1770.]

M^r Speaker further Reported that his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses of Assembly Viz^t

Hon^{ble} Gentlemen—

His Excellency's
Speech to both
Houses of As-
sembly

[For transcript of Governour's Speech see Journal of Upper House 10 May 1770]

JAMES WRIGHT Council Chamber

the 10th May 1770

And that his Excellency was pleased to enquire whether the House had anything further to do, M^r Speaker, answered that the House had some further Business yet to Consider of—

Report of the
Committee ap-
pointed to draw
up Instructions
to be transmit-
ted the Agent

M^r Gréme from the Committee appointed to draw up such Instructions as may be thought proper to be transmitted to the Agent Reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions which they had directed him to Report to the House, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Table, where the Resolutions were severally again Read and agreed to by the House and are as follows Viz^t

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RESOLVED That it is the Oppinion of this Committee that the Agent be Instructed by the Committee of Correspondence to use his utmost endeavours to obtain his Majesty's Royal Assent as soon as possible to the Act passed this Sessions for ordering and governing Slaves &c^a

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Agent be instructed to use his utmost endeavours to obtain an Instruction from his Majesty permitting his Excellency the Governor to issue Writs for Electing Members to represent the Parishes of Saint David, Saint Patrick, Saint Thomas and Saint Mary.

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Agent be instructed to use his utmost endeavours to obtain an Instruction from his Majesty permitting his Excellency the Governor to give his Assent to a Law of the same Tenor and Purport as a Bill passed both Houses of Assembly this Session Intitled an Act, to amend an Act, to ascertain the manner and form of Electing Members to Represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly—

RESOLVED That, it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Agent be instructed to use his utmost endeavours to obtain from William Knox, Esquire (lately an Agent for this Province) the Plan of the Lands claimed by the late Sir William Baker, deceased and the Petition accompanying it, which was transmitted to him, to be presented to his Majesty, and that the Agent be further Instructed to present the said Petition to his Majesty with all Convenient Speed—

ORDERED That the above Resolutions be referred to the Committee of Correspondence as an Act of this House—

The House being informed that the Machine, constructed by William Harding, for the Pounding of Rice, will be ready to be viewed in a few Weeks therefore—

**Comm. ap-
pointed to
inspect Wm.
Hardings
Machine**

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to inspect the said Machine and report their Opinion thereon at the next meeting of the House and a Committee was appointed accordingly—

Committed to M^r Milledge, M^r Bulloch, M^r Mullryne, M^r Isaac Young, M^r Ewen, M^r Le Conte, M^r Odingsell, M^r Andrew, M^r Stevens M^r Rae, Sir Patrick Houstoun, M^r Groeme and M^r Box.

**Message to the
Upper House**

ORDERED That M^r Groeme do acquaint the upper House that this House being of Opinion, that the Bill intituled, an Act, for amending an Act, to ascertain the manner and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly" will be a great advantage to this Province, which was passed both Houses of Assembly this Session, and his Excellency was pleased (upon its being presented for the Assent) to say he would consider of it, therefore this House desires they will appoint a Committee to Join a Committee of this House in preparing an Address to be presented to his Excellency, Requesting, that he would be pleased to use his utmost endeavours and Influence to obtain an Instruction from his Majesty permitting him to Assent to a Law of the same Tenor and purport.

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery

That the upper House agrees in Opinion with this House with respect to the Bill entituled an Act "amending an Act, to ascertain the manner and form of electing Members to Represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly, and have appointed

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a Committee to Join a Committee of this House in preparing an Address accordingly.

Committed to John Graham, and James Edward Powell, Esquires.

ORDERED That M^r Groeme and Sir Patrick Houstoun be a Committee to Join a Committee of the upper House in preparing the said Address—

M^r Groeme from the Committee appointed to Join a Committee of the upper House to draw up an Address to his Excellency the Governor, requesting that he would be pleased to use his utmost Endeavours and Influence to obtain an Instruction from his Majesty permitting him to assent to a Law of the same Tenor and Purport with a Bill passed both Houses of Assembly this Session Intituled an Act for amending an Act, to ascertain the Manner and Form of electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly, reported they had prepared the same, which was received and read, and agreed to by the House

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Message
from the
Upper House

That the upper House, upon report from the Committee of their House appointed to join a Committee of this House in preparing an Address to his Excellency the Governor, requesting that he would be pleased to use his utmost Endeavours and Influence to obtain an Instruction from his Majesty permitting him to assent to a Law of the same Tenor and Purport with a Bill passed both Houses of Assembly this Session intituled an Act for amending an Act to ascertain the Manner and Form of Electing Members to Represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly' have agreed to the Address so prepared—

ORDERED That M^r Groeme do acquaint the upper House, that this House doth agree with their House in the said Address.

ORDERED That the said Address be Ingrossed

The said Address being ingrossed was read to the House in the Words following Viz^t

To his Excellency James Wright, Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of his Majesty's Province of Georgia, Chancellor, and Vice Admiral of the same.

The humble Address of both Houses of Assembly in general Assembly met.

May it please your Excellency—

*Beth Houses
Address to his
Excellency the
Governor*

Whereas a Bill

[For transcript of Address to the Governor, see Journal of Upper House 10 May 1770]

RESOLVED That this House will join the upper House in presenting the said Address—

ORDERED That M^r Groeme do join a Member of the upper House to know his Excellency, the Governor's pleasure, when he will be attended by both Houses, and accordingly he withdrew, and being returned, Reported, that, pursuant to order, he had joined a Member of the upper House, to know his Excellency's pleasure, when he would be attended by both Houses of Assembly with their Address, and that his Excellency was pleased to say he should be ready to receive them in the Council Chamber immediately—

Accordingly M^r Speaker with the whole House went

The House at-
tends his Ex-
cellency with
the Address

to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber when the Address of both Houses was presented, and read to his Excellency, by the President of the Upper House, in Answer to which he was pleased to say—

Gentlemen.

His Excellen-
cy's Answer

[For transcript of Governor's Answer to an Address from both Houses, see Journal of Upper House 10 May 1770.]

He prorogues
the Assembly

And then his Excellency was pleased to prorogue the General Assembly, untill Monday the 13th August next.

A true Copy from the Original Journals Examined and Certified

JN° SIMPSON C: D: C.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

GEORGIA.

Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia at the Second Session of the Seventh General Assembly of the said Province met according to Prorogation, at the Town of Savannah, on Monday the 22^d day of October in the Year of our Lord 1770—

A True Copy from the Original Journals Compared and examined

¶ JN° SIMPSON C: D: C:

Rec'd Oct^r 21. 1771.

Seal taken off by S. B.

Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia at the Second Session of the Seventh General Assembly of the said Province, met according to Prorogation at the Town of Savannah, on Monday the 22^d day of October in the Year of our Lord 1770—

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday October 22^d 1770

The House met according to Prorogation, and adjourned till to Morrow morning, Ten of the Clock—

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)*

Tuesday, October 23^d 1770

The House met and adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)*

Wednesday 24th October 1770

ORDERED That an Address be prepared and presented to his Excellency the Governor, desiring he will be pleased to give orders for issuing two Writs of Election, Viz^t One to Elect a Member for the Parish of Saint Andrew, in the Room of William Grœme, Esquire, deceased, and another to Elect a Member for the district of Little Ogeechee, in the parish of Christ Church in the Room of William Deveaux, Esquire, who has removed and resides out of the Province—

The said Address being prepared was read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED That M^r Le Conte and M^r Andrew, do wait on his Excellency, and present the said Address, and accordingly they withdrew, and being returned, M^r Le Conte, reported they had waited on his Excellency, and presented the Address, and he was pleased to answer, that he would give directions for issuing the said Writs.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Clerk to the Master in Chancery—

M^r Speaker

I am ordered by his Excellency the Governor to acquaint you, that he requires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately, accordingly M^r Speaker, with the House, went up to attend his Excellency and being returned, M^r Speaker reported that he with the House, had attended his Excellency, and that he was pleased to make an Affectionate Speech to both Houses of Assembly, of which M^r Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes obtained a Copy, which he read to the House, and is as followeth, Viz^t

[For transcript of the Governor's Speech see Journal of the Upper House 24 Oct. 1770]

Savannah in Georgia
Council Chamber, the 24th of October 1770}

RESOLVED, Nem. Con. That an humble Address of thanks be presented to his Excellency the Governor for his Speech delivered to both Houses at the Opening of this Session, that We are sorry he has nothing particular in charge from his Majesty, as we were in expectation of the Royal Assent to the Bill passed last Session for ordering and governing Slaves &c and that his Excell-

lency would have had some Instructions relative to the Bill for amending the Election Law, of which he was pleased to say he would Consider: That We are truely sensible that the Indian Affairs ought to be better regulated, and it is with Concern we acquaint his Excellency that in our opinion no Bill can be framed better to answer the desired Effect than the Laws now in force, unless the Neighbouring Colonies would Assent to Regulations similar in their Nature and Operation: That his Excellency's Attention to the Commercial Interests of the Province deserves our sincere acknowledgements and that we are Convinced that the Navigation of the River, the distress of Seamen and other poor persons, requires our Serious Consideration: That it gives us great Satisfaction that the Publick Faith and Credit of the Province is upon so good a footing, and that he may be assured We shall always endeavour to support and maintain it: That we are fully Convinced of the Utility and great Consequence of a Light House on Tybee Island, and, as ample provision has already been made for that important Service, We apprehend we have only to enquire into the Application of the Sum Granted: that we shall also take into Consideration the Condition of Fort George on the Island of Cockspur, and thank his Excellency for his promise of Concurrence in any measure for the Publick Good. That the produce of the last years Tax, and the necessary Services of the Current Year, shall be carefully attended to—

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to his Excellency upon the said Resolution and a Committee was appointed accordingly—

Committed to Sir Patrick Houstoun, M^r Ewen, M^r Le Conte M^r Glen, and M^r William Young—

ORDERED That his Excellency's Speech be referred to the said Committee

ORDERED That an Address be prepared and presented to his Excellency the Governor, desiring that he would be pleased to give orders for issuing Writs to Elect Representatives for the Parishes of Saint David, Saint Patrick, Saint Thomas, and Saint Mary—

The said Address being prepared was read and agreed to by the House—

ORDERED That M^r Simpson and M^r Andrew, do wait on his Excellency and present the said Address; accordingly they withdrew and being returned, M^r Simpson reported they had waited on his Excellency and presented the Address, to which he was pleased to say that he would send an Answer to the House.

RESOLVED That this House will attend M^r Speaker to divine Service on Sunday next

ORDERED That M^r Le Conte and M^r Ewen do wait on the Reverend M^r Frink and acquaint him therewith—

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday, 25th October, 1770

Sir Patrick Houstoun, from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to his Excellency the Governor, Reported that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place,

and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read, and ordered to be Committed to a Committee of the whole House—

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee, accordingly, and, after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Glen from the Committee reported they had taken the said Address into Consideration, and made several Amendments thereto, and he read the Same in his place, and afterwards delivered the Address, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House—

ORDERED That the Address with the Amendments be Ingrossed—

The said Address being Ingrossed was read to the House in the Words following, Viz^t

To his Excellency, James Wright, Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of his Majesty's Province of Georgia Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the Same

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly.

May it please your Excellency—

We his Majesty's faithfull and loyal Subjects the Commons of Georgia in General Assembly met, return your Excellency our thanks for your Speech at the Opening of this Session

We are sorry you have nothing particular in charge from his Majesty, as we were in expectation of the Royal Assent to the Bill passed last Session for ordering and governing Slaves &c^a and that your Excellency would

have had some Instructions relative to the Bill for amending the Election Law of which you was pleased to say you would Consider.

We are truely Sensible that the Indian Affairs ought to be better regulated, and it is with Concern We acquaint your Excellency that in our opinion no Bill can be framed better to Answer the desired Effect than the Laws now in force unless the Neighbouring Colonies would Assent to Regulations similar in their Nature and Operation—

Your Excellency's Attention to the Commercial Interests of the Province deserves our sincere acknowledgements, and We are Convinced that the Navigation of the River, the distress of Seamen and other poor persons requires our Serious Consideration.

It gives us great Satisfaction that the Publick Faith and Credit of the Province is upon so good a footing and you may be assured Sir that we shall always endeavour to support and maintain it—

We are fully Convinced of the Utility and great Consequence of a Light House on Tybee Island and as ample provision has already been made for that important Service, We apprehend We have only to enquire into the Application of the Sum granted We shall also take into Consideration the Condition of Fort George on the Island of Cockspur and thank you Sir for your promise of Concurrence in any measure for the Publick Good

The Produce of the last years Tax and the necessary Services of the Current year We shall carefully attend to—

ORDERED That M^r Speaker do sign the said Address

RESOLVED That the said Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor by the whole House—

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun and M^r Glen do know his Excellency the Governor's pleasure when he will be attended by this House accordingly they withdrew and being returned Sir Patrick Houstoun reported to the House that his Excellency the Governor having been waited upon (pursuant to Order) to know his Excellency's pleasure when he would be attended by this House had been pleased to appoint this afternoon at four of the Clock

ORDERED That the House be called over on Monday next the 29th of this Instant October and that the Clerk in the mean time do write to the Absent Members requiring their Attendance—

M^r Speaker with the whole House went to attend his Excellency the Governor to present the Address of this House and being returned M^r Speaker reported that he with the whole House had attended his Excellency and presented their Address to which his Excellency was pleased to give the following Answer, Viz^t

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly—

In answer to your Address I must observe that its impossible his Majesty's approbation of our Negro Law could have been obtained and received by this time, for that Bill was not passed till the 10th of May, and the Copy of the several Laws not prepared and ready to transmit till the middle of July and the same reason holds with respect to the Election Bill—

And notwithstanding we seem to differ in opinion with respect to a Law relative to our Indian Affairs, yet I am not the less clear or satisfied that many things which I

could point out, might be much better regulated than they are at present by any Laws now in force, and this Independent of the Concurrence of any of the Neighbouring Colonies, however, I rest perfectly satisfied in having discharged my Duty to the People of this Province by recommending those matters to your Consideration—

I thank you Gentlemen for any acknowledgements you are pleased to make of my Deserts, and doubt not but if the Affairs I have recommended or such of them as you may approve of are Carried properly into execution, their good Effects will be soon felt—

25th October 1770

JAMES WRIGHT

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday 26th October 1770

Two Messages from his Excellency the Governor was presented to the House by the Clerk to the Master in Chancery and read to the House in the words following Viz^t

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen

In consequence of your Message of yesterday desiring I will give orders for issuing Writs to Elect Representatives for the Parishes of Saint David, Saint Patrick, Saint Thomas and Saint Mary—

I am to acquaint you that the Conduct I observed with respect to this matter on your Several Addresses during the last Session of Assembly has been approved of by his Majesty, who considers the appointing what places shall

send Representatives to the Assembly as a matter which by the Form and principles of Government established for this Province, entirely depends upon his Royal Discretion, and which he will always be ready to exercise in such manner as shall be for the Interest and Welfare of the Province, when it shall appear to be necessary, either upon the Representation of the State of those Parishes, or on the Application of the Inhabitants there, to be indulged in the Privelege of Electing Representatives And I have represented this matter in such a light, that I doubt not I shall receive his Majesty's permission to Issue the Writs you desire, but untill I do, its not in my power to order them to be issued.

JAMES WRIGHT, 25th October 1770

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly—

I lately went down and viewed with some attention Fort George and the Light House and found that the very Severe Gale of Wind we had in June last together with the many hard Easterly Winds and high Tides, had then washed away the North East and South East Angles of the Fort Wall and Parapet, that was faced with Palmettoes and done considerable other Damage and am informed more has been done since. I also found the platforms all but some of the large Timbers or Keepers entirely decayed and fallen in and the whole work except the Capponiere in such a ruinous State as not to be worth Repairing—

The Light House seems to me to be much Stronger and in better order than it is generally supposed to be, and I am of Opinion with some further Security to the Foundation and other Repairs may Stand and Answer every purpose that any Light House or Beacon can do, for a great many Years, Perhaps from Ten to fifteen or

twenty Years and as a great deal of Tybee Island has been lately cleared by cutting down a few more straggling Trees it will be much more Conspicuous than ever and seen from many Points at Sea where it was not before—

I have had some Conversation with Colonel Mullryne on this Subject and have reason to believe that if it shall appear or be thought Beneficial to the Publick, he will consent to Cancel the Agreement made with him for building a New Light House—

The Utility indeed and Necessity of building a New Fort is so obvious, that its needless for me to offer any Reasons on that Head, and as the Expence, of it may be too much for the Inhabitants to bear just now, Therefore I think it proper to State the following Proposals for your Consideration Viz^t That a Committee should be appointed to go down and View both the Fort and the Light House that they should take with them Workmen who may be thought proper Judges and can be depended upon, to examine the state and Condition of the Light House, and if on the Report of the Committee it shall appear to the House as it does to me I would then propose that such part of the Sum of Two thousand pounds lately granted for building a New Light House as may appear sufficient, should be borrowed and appropriated to repair the old Light House, and that such other part of the said Sum of Two thousand pounds as may appear necessary and Sufficient should be borrowed and appropriated to the Building of a respectable and substantial Fort of Tabby on such part of Cockspur Island as may be judged most Convenient and effectual for the purposes intended by having a Fort there— And such Sums of Money to be replaced in such Proportions and within such a term of Years as may be thought proper and Convenient And that a Bill should be prepared reciting the whole Matter and for Borrowing and appropriating such

Sums as may be Necessary for the purposes aforesaid, with a Clause that the Money so borrowed shall be replaced within a Certain time by Annual Payments or Sums to be raised in the General Tax for the purpose of building a New Light House as heretofore intended when the same shall appear necessary, and which Sums or payments I apprehend need not commence till some years hence— By this Method I conceive the great and necessary Ends of a Light House and Fort will be effectually answered without the Inconvenience of raising any Tax which may be in the least felt by your Constituents—

JAMES WRIGHT

Savannah in Georgia Council Chamber }
the 26th October 1770 }

ORDERED That the said Messages do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House—

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent Stealing of Horses and other Cattle, and for the more effectual discovery and punishment of such persons as shall maliciously and wickedly Kill, mark, or brand the same, and that M^r Ewen and M^r William Young be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same—

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower Commissioners or Surveyors to lay out, make and repair the Roads already laid out, or may hereafter be necessary, and also to clear the Rivers and Creeks within their respective Divisions, and that M^r Le Conte and Sir Patrick Houstoun be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said Bill—

The House being informed that the Clerk of the Crown and Peace (^{sic}) attended at the Door, he was Called in, and, at the Bar of the House, delivered in a paper, enti-

tled, Presentments of the Grand Jury at June Sessions, 1770, and then he withdrew and then the Title of the said Paper being read—

ORDERED That the said Paper do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House—

ORDERED That the Clerk do furnish the Printer with a Copy of the Journals weekly and that the same be printed in the Gazette—

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday 27th October 1770

The House met and adjourned till Monday morning
Ten of the Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday 29th October 1770

The Order of the Day for the House being called over
being read the House was Called over accordingly and
several Members being absent It is

ORDERED That the Clerk do write Letters to the Absent Members requiring their immediate Attendance.

M^r Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare
and bring in a Bill to prevent Stealing of Horses and
other Cattle and for the more effectual Discovery and
punishment of such Persons as shall maliciously and

wickedly Kill, mark or brand the Same reported they had prepared the said Bill which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to inspect such Laws and Ordinances that are expired or near expiring or may want Amendment and report their opinion thereon to the House

And a Committee was appointed accordingly—

Committed to M^r Le Conte, M^r Andrew, M^r Ewen M^r William Young and M^r Glen—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday 30th October 1770

A Message from his Excellency the Governor was presented to the House by the Clerk to the Master in Chancery and read in the following Words, Viz^t

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

In the last Session of Assembly a very Salutary Law was Assented to for raising a Number of Watchmen for preserving good order in and about the Town of Savannah, this Watch or Guard was to consist of Twenty Seven Able Men and a Drummer The Drummer on the pay of Ten pounds per Annum, and the Men at Eight pounds agreeable to which Law and a Commission and Instructions issued by me, the said Number of Men were duly Inlisted but did not chuse to engage for a longer time than three Months, and at the end of the three Months the Captain reported to me, that the whole Num-

ber except Eight or Ten refused to engage for any longer Term unless their pay was increased and on my ordering him to endeavour to get other Men to Inlist he again reported, that he could not get any. Therefore in order to keep up this very necessary Service and duty till the meeting of the General Assembly, I advanced to each Man five Shillings by Way of Levy money, and ordered the Captain to tell 'em that I should recommend the Matter to your Consideration and that possibly their pay might be encreased, this I found Necessary to induce them to Inlist for three Months longer, and which time will expire on the 16th of next month. The Officers also complained that their pay was likewise too little.

JAMES WRIGHT

Savannah 30th October 1770

ORDERED That the said Message do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

The Bill to prevent the stealing of Horses and other Cattle, and for the more effectual Discovery and punishment of such Persons as shall maliciously and wickedly Kill, mark or brand the same, was read a Second time and ordered to be Committed.

A Petition from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint Peter and Parts adjacent in the Province of South Carolina whose names are thereunto subscribed was presented to the House and read Setting forth That being desirous of having the most Convenient Communication between that Province and Georgia That the Petitioners and their Neighbors some time ago applied to the Legislature of South Carolina and obtained an Act of Assembly for estsablishing a Ferry at the Two Sisters Bluff on Sayannah River and for laying out and making a Publick Road about fifteen Miles in length to the said Ferry from the main Road leading from Coosa-

watchie to Purisburgh which new Road the Petitioners expect will be compleated the ensuing Fall so as to admit any Carriages. That the Proprietor of the said Ferry has been at expence in providing a proper Person and Boats to attend it and that the making the said Road has and will cost the Persons liable to work thereon great expence and labour, But that Hugh Kennedy Owner of the Land opposite to the Two Sisters Bluff has fenced in the said Land so as to prevent Travellers from making use of the Road thro' it which has been heretofore frequented whreby the good Intention of that Law is and without the Interposition of the Legislature of Georgia will be frustrated and the Petitioners and their Neighbours prevented from driving Stock and carrying Poultry to Savannah Market and trading with the said Town which they would do if the said Road was made Publick That the Two Sisters Bluff is the fittest place for a Ferry on the said River, for that the Swamp opposiite to Ebenezer is very low, four mile wide and impassable but at dry Seasons and tho' the place called *Tuckasee Kings bluff* is on the River yet it is very Steep and the Land opposite to it is low Swamp, subject to be overflowed with the least freshes, and at a great distance from the high Land. Whereas the Two Sisters Bluff is adjoining to high Land and Kennedys opposite to it is high River Swamp and the distance thro' his Land from the River to the Main Road leading from Augusta to Savannah is not more than three Quarters of a Mile, so that in every respect the Places above mentioned are the most proper for Ferries and the Roads above described for an Intercourse between the Two Provinces, which the Petitioners know to be Fact, being thoroughly acquainted with the Lands on both sides of the said River— The Petitioners therefore pray the House will be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration and pass a Law for making Publick the Road thro' the Land of Hugh Kennedy from Savan-

nah River to the main Road leading from Augusta to Savannah and for establishing a Ferry on the Land of the said Kennedy opposite to the Two Sisters Bluff and Vesting the same in him and the Petitioners will pray &c^a

ORDERED That the said Petition do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House and it is also

ORDERED That the Clerk do furnish the said Hugh Kennedy with a Copy of the Said Petition—

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into Consideration the Bill to prevent the Stealing of Horses and other Cattle, and for the more effectual discovery and punishment of such Persons as shall maliciously and wickedly Kill Mark or brand the same, and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Glen from the Committee reported they had taken the Said Bill into Consideration and made some progress threin and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again—

RESOLVED That the Committee have leave to sit again

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the more easy and Speedy recovery of Losses and Damages sustained by the Negligence of Owners or Patroons of Vessels employed in Carrying Rice and other Commodities, and that M^r Andrew, M^r Bulloch, and M^r Morel be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said Bill.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday 31st October 1770

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill to prevent the Stealing of Horses and other Cattle and for the more effectual discovery and punishment of such Persons as shall maliciously and wickedly Kill, mark, or brand the same, and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Glen from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration gone through the same and made several Amendments thereto which he was directed to report When the House would please to receive the Same.

ORDERED That the Report be made to Morrow morning.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor was presented to the House by the Clerk to the Master in Chancery and read in the words following Viz^t

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

I lately received Letters from Lieutenant Governor Bull of South Carolina and M^r Delancey the Deputy Post Master General requesting that I would recommend it to the Legislature of this Province to establish a Ferry opposite to a place called the Two Sisters where a Ferry is now established in South Carolina which place they are of opinion is most Convenient for keeping open the necessary Intercourse between these Provinces and East Florida.

This is a matter I believe may be usefull. I send you the above mentioned Letters for your perusal that you may see the Reasons given by those Gentlemen and if it

shall appear to be of Public Utility (as I doubt not it will) I hope you will prepare a Bill for establishing the same as desired.

JAMES WRIGHT 30th October 1770

Then the title of the said Letters were read

ORDERED That his Excellency's Message and the Letters referred to, do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday 1st November 1770

M^r Glen (according to order) reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill to prevent Stealing of Horses and other Cattle, and for the more effectual discovery and punishment of such Persons as shall maliciously and wickedly Kill, mark or brand the same, was Committed, the Amendments which the Committee had made to the Bill, and which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were read and agreed to by the House—

ORDERED That the Bill, with the Amendments be Ingrossed

A Message from his Excellency the Governor was presented to the House by the Clerk to the Master in Chancery, and read in the following words Viz^t

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly.

I now send you the usual Estimate for the support of Government from the 29th of September 1770, to the 29th of September 1771 and have directed the Treasurer to give you every Information you may have occasion for from his Office.

JAMES WRIGHT; 1st November 1770

Then the Title of the Said Estimate was read

ORDERED That the said Message and Estimate do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

RESOLVED That this House will take under Consideration the Presentments of the Grand Jury at June Sessions 1770 on Thursday next.

RESOLVED That this House will also take under Consideration his Excellency the Governors Message of the 26th October last relative to the Light House on Tybee Island and Fort George on the Island of Cockspur.

M^r Bulloch from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the more easy and speedy recovery of Losses and Damages sustained by the Negligence of Owners or Patroons of Vessels employed in Carrying Rice, and other Commodities, reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a Second time.

The House took into Consideration his Excellency the Governor's Message of the 30th October, relative to the Watch in the Town of Savannah, and

ORDERED That the Treasurer do lay before the House an Account of the expence incurred for the support of

the said Watch and the produce of the Assessment raised for that purpose.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday 2^d November 1770

A Bill for the more easy and speedy recovery of Losses or Damages sustained by the Negligence of Owners or Patroons of Vessels employed in carrying Rice and other Commodities, was read a Second time and ordered to be Committed..

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee accordingly to take the said Bill into Consideration, and after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Le Conte from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill into Consideration, gone through the same and made several Amendments thereto, which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were read, and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning, Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday 3^d November 1770

The House met and adjourned till Monday morning
Ten of the Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday 5th November 1770

The House being informed of the much lamented Death of the Reverend M^r George Whitefield which lately happened at Newbury Port in the Massachusetts Government and taking into Consideration the many and uncommon Instances of his Friendly disinterested regard and attention to the Welfare of the Inhabitants of this Province as well as his Benevolence to mankind in General and unwearied Assiduity in preaching the Gospel wherever he had the opportunity, And this House being desirous to transmit to Posterity the just sense they entertain of the Virtues of the Deceased and to perpetuate the Commemoration of them have unanimously come to the following Resolutions Viz^t

RESOLVED That this House will provide a Sufficient Sum to defray the expence of bringing the Remains of the Reverend M^r Whitefield from Newbury Port in the Massachusetts Government to be deposited at the Orphan House in this Province.

RESOLVED That this House will provide a sufficient Sum to erect a proper Monument at the Orphan House for depositing the remains of the Reverend M^r Whitefield—

RESOLVED That this House will provide a Sufficient Sum to defray the expence of putting the Church of

Savannah in mourning on Account of the Death of the Reverend M^r Whitefield.

ORDERED That M^r Ewen and M^r Crooke do wait on the Rector of Christ Church in Savannah and request he will preach a funeral Sermon in memory of the Reverend M^r Whitefield next Sunday accordingly they withdrew and being returned M^r Ewen reported they had (according to order) waited on the Rector and that he answered he would prepare a Sermon accordingly.

ORDERED That the Clerk do write the Rector and Church Wardens of Christ Church in Savannah acquainting them that the House having come to a Resolution to defray the expence of putting the Church in Mourning on Account of the Death of the Reverend M^r Whitefield the House therefore requests they will be pleased to give orders accordingly.

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to enquire what will be the expence attending the putting the foregoing Resolutions into execution and report their Opinion thereon to the House and a Committee was appointed accordingly.

Committed to Sir Patrick Houstoun, M^r Rae, M^r Bulloch, M^r Le Conte and M^r Young.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the more effectual clearing the River Savannah from the Town of Augusta to the Town of Savannah and for laying a duty on Boats trading on and Rafts coming down the said River and that M^r Crooke and M^r William Young be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said Bill.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday November 6th 1770

The Ingrossed Bill Intitled an Act to prevent Stealing of Horses and other Cattle and for the more effectual discovery and punishment of such persons as shall maliciously and wickedly, Kill, mark, or brand the same was read a third time.

RESOLVED That the said Bill do pass

The Ingrossed Bill Intitled an Act for the more easy and Speedy recovery of Losses or Damages sustained by the Negligence of Owner or Patroons of Vessels employed in carrying Rice and other Commodities was read a third time.

RESOLVED That the Said Bill do pass

ORDERED That M^r Crooke do carry the said Bill to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent Persons Hunting with Fire in the Night and that M^r Ewen, M^r Guinnett and M^r Rae be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said Bill.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday November 7th 1770

The Treasurer according to order presented to the House a paper intitled the produce of the Assessment on the Inhabitants of Savannah for the support of a

Watch in the said Town and then he withdrew and then the Title of the said Paper being read.

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to enquire what Number of Men have been upon Duty in the said Watch and what money has been paid for support of the same and report their Opinion thereon to the House and a Committee was appointed accordingly.

Committed to M^r Bulloch, M^r Young, M^r Andrew, M^r Le Conte, M^r Box and M^r Farley.

M^r Le Conte from the Committee appointed to inspect such Laws and Ordinances of this Province that are expired or near expiring or may want to be revived or amended reported they had made some progress therein and come to several Resolutions which he was directed to report when the House would please to receive the same.

ORDERED That the Report be now made

Then M^r Le Conte read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered the same in at the Table where it was again read and is as followeth Viz^t

RESOLVED That it is the opinion of this Committee that an Act intitled an Act for the better ordering the Militia of this Province passed the 25th March 1765 which was to continue and be in force for five years and from thence to the end of the next Sessions of the General Assembly, ought to be Revived and Amended

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee that an Act intitled an Act for holding a special and extraordinary Courts of Common Pleas for the tryals of Causes arising between Merchants, Dealers, and others and Shipmasters Supercargoes and other Transient Per-

sons passed the 7th of April 1763 which was to Continue and be in force for three years and from thence to the end of the next Session of the general Assembly, and also an Act to amend the said Act passed the 6th of March 17766, both which Acts were continued by an Act Intituled an Act for Continuing the several Laws of this Province which are near expiring passed the 26th March 1767 which was to Continue and be in force for and during the term of three years and from thence to the end of the next Session of the general Assembly, ought to be Revived and Amended.

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee that an Act intitled an Act to prevent Masters of Vessels from carrying off Persons in Debt from this province passed the 27th March 1759 which was to be in force for two years from the passing thereof and which was amended and further Continued by an Act intitled an Act to amend the said Act which was to Continue and be in force for the term of three years from the passing thereof and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly and which was further Continued by an Act passed the 29th February 1764 to the first day of November 1764 and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly which said Act and Amendments are further Continued by an Act passed 25th March 1765 to the first day of November 1770 and from thence to the end of the next Session of the General Assembly, ought to be Continued and Amended.

The said Resolutions being again read were severally agreed to by the House—

M^r Le Conte then further reported that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

ORDERED That the Committee have leave to sit again—

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better ordering the Militia and that M^r Ewen, M^r Box, and M^r Elbert be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said Bill.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday November 8th 1770

The order of the day being read for taking under Consideration the Presentments of the Grand Jury at June Sessions 1770, it was

RESOLVED That the Consideration of the same be adjourned over untill the 26th day of December next.

The other order of the day for taking under Consideration his Excellency the Governor's Message of the 26th October last relative to the Light House on Tybee Island, and Fort George on the Island of Cockspur being read it was

RESOLVED That the Same be taken under Consideration to Morrow morning.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday 9th November 1770

The order of the day being read for taking under Consideration his Excellency the Governor's Message of the 26th October last relative to the Light House on Tybee Island and Fort George on the Island of Cockspur the House took the same into Consideration accordingly and.

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to enquire which will be the most proper place for building a New Fort at the entrance of Savannah River the expence of building the same and also what will be the expence of repairing the old Light House upon Tybee Island and report their Opinion thereon to the House and a Committee was appointed accordingly.

Committed to M^r Simpson, M^r Crooke, M^r Mullryne, M^r Glen, M^r Bulloch, M^r Ewen, M^r Elbert, M^r Farley and M^r Box.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for empowering Commissioners to build a New Fort at the entrance of Savannah River, and to repair the old Light House upon the Island of Tybee and also for borrowing the Sum of ^(sic) from the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly intitled "an Act to empower the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly Intitled "an Act for laying a Duty upon Negroes and other Slaves that have been above Six Months in any of the Islands or Colonies in America and imported for Sale in this Province and for appropriating the same towards repairing or rebuilding the Light House on Tybee Island and to prevent Negroe Convicts being imported into and sold in this Province" to build a New Light

"House on any part of the Land reserved for the use
 "thereof upon the said Island and also for procuring an
 "accurate Survey and Chart of the Sea Coasts and In-
 "lets of this Province and publishing the same and for
 "Granting to his Majesty the Sum of Two thousand Two
 "hundred pounds for the said purposes and for appoint-
 "ing and empowering Commissioners to issue Certificates
 "for that Sum and sinking the same and for further Con-
 "tinuing the Acts herein after mentioned" and for re-
 placing the said Sum, and that M^r Simpson, M^r Crooke,
 M^r Mullryne, M^r Glen and M^r Bulloch be a Committee
 to prepare and bring in the said Bill.

Motion was made for Leave to bring in a Bill to em-
 power Commissioners to Erect a Beacon or Sea Mark
 at the Entrance of the Port of Sunbury, and a debate
 arising thereon the Question was put and

Passed in the Negative—

And then the House adjourned till to
 Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday 10th November 1770

The House met and adjourned till Monday Morning
 Ten of the Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday 12th November 1770

The House met and adjourned till to Morrow morning
 Ten of the Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday 13th November 1770

ORDERED That the thanks of this House be given to the Reverend M^r Frink, Rector of Christ Church for his Sermon preached last Sunday, and that M^r Ewen and M^r Crooke do acquaint him therewith.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for establishing the Several Ferries therein mentioned, and that M^r Ewen, M^r Crooke, and M^r Elbert, do prepare and bring in the same.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill prescribing the method of proving Book Debts in the General Court of Pleas and that M^r Glen, M^r Farley, and M^r William Young do prepare and bring in the same.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in an Ordinance for Reappointing Benjamin Franklin, Esquire, Agent to sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain, and that Sir Patrick Houstoun and M^r Crooke do prepare and bring in the same.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Relief of Parishes and other places from such Charges as may arise from Bastard Children and that M^r Le Conte and M^r Crooke do prepare and bring in the same.

M^r Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent Persons hunting with Fire in the Night, reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

ORDERED That all Persons having demands against

the Publick, do deliver in their Accounts properly Attested to the Clerk of this House on or before the first day of December next

ORDERED That Notice thereof be published in the Gazette.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday 14th November 1770

A Message from the Upper House by the Clerk to the Master in Chancery.

That the Upper House have agreed to the Bill intitled an Act for the more easy and speedy recovery of Losses or damages sustained by the Negligence of Owners or Patroons of Vessels employed in carrying Rice and other Commodities with some Amendments to which Amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House. That the Upper House have also agreed to the Bill Intitled an Act to prevent Stealing of Horses and other Cattle and for the more effectual discovery and punishment of such Persons as shall maliciously and wickedly Kill, mark, or brand the same with some Amendments to which Amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Jonathan Bryan, Esquire, elected and returned Representative for the district of Little Ogeechee in the parish of Christ Church proved himself duly Qualified to serve as a Representative agreeable to the Terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province and then he took the Oaths and made and subscribed the Declaration and took and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and then took his Seat.

M^r Farley from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill prescribing the Method for proving Book Debts in the General Court, reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time.

Sir Patrick Houstoun from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Ordinance for Reappointing Benjamin Franklin, Esquire, Agent to sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain, reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time.

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to enquire which will be the most proper place or places for establishing a Ferry or Ferrys from this Province to South Carolina and report their opinion thereon to the House, and a Committee was appointed accordingly.

Committed to M^r Ewen, M^r Bryan, M^r Farley, M^r Andrew M^r Young, M^r Bullock, and M^r Crooke.

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday 15th November 1770

The Bill to prevent Persons hunting with Fire in the Night, was read a Second time and ordered to be Committed to a Committee of the whole House, the House immediately Resolved itself into a Committee accordingly to take the said Bill into Consideration, and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Elbert from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration gone through the

same and made several Amendments thereto which he was directed to report to the House when the House will please to receive the Same.

ORDERED That the Report be now made.

Then M^r Elbert read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed

RESOLVED That the Title of the said Bill shall be a Bill to discourage the practice of hunting with Fire in the Night.

The Bill prescribing the Method for proving Book Debts in the General Court, was read a second time and ordered to be Committed.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday 16th November 1770

The House met and adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday 17th November 1770

The House met and adjourned till Monday morning Ten of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday 19th November 1770

M^r Crooke from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the more effectual Clearing the River Savannah from the Town of Augusta to the Town of Savannah and for laying ^(sic) upon Boats trading on and Rafts coming down the said River, reported they had prepared the Same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time.

M^r Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the better ordering the Militia reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday 20th November 1770

Sir Patrick Houstoun from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to empower Commissioners or Surveyors to lay out make and repair the Roads already laid out or may hereafter be necessary and also to Clear the Rivers and Creeks within their respective Divisions reported they had prepared the Same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time

ORDERED That an Address be prepared and presented to his Excellency the Governor requesting he will be pleased to give orders for issuing a Writ of Election to

choose a Representative for the Parish of Saint Philip and district of Great Ogeechee in the Room of Charles Odingsell, Esquire, deceased.

ORDERED That M^r Crooke and M^r William Young do wait on his Excellency the Governor and present the said Address

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday 21st November 1770

The Bill for the better ordering of the Militia was read a second time and ordered to be Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee accordingly to take the said Bill into Consideration and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Glen from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and made some progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into further Consideration to Morrow morning.

M^r Crooke from the Committee appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Governor with the Address of this House of yesterday reported that they had (pursuant to order) waited on his Excellency and presented the said

Address to which his Excellency was pleased to answer he would give orders for issuing a Writ accordingly.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday 22^d November 1770

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill for the better ordering the Militia, and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Glen from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into further Consideration to Morrow morning.

A Member of the Committee (appointed to enquire what number of Men had been upon duty in the Town Watch of Savannah and what money had been paid for the support of the same and report their Opinion thereon to the House) Complained to the House that they had been obstructed in their proceedings by the behaviour of William Moore one of the Lieutenants of the said Watch when he was called before the said Committee to be examined, by which means they have not as yet been able to make such Report as is necessary for the Information of this House.

RESOLVED That this House will take the said Complaint into Consideration on Monday morning next.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday 23^d November 1770

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill for the better ordering the Militia and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Glen from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration gone through the same and made several Amendments thereto which he was directed by the Committee to report to the House when the House will please to receive the Same—

ORDERED That the Report be received on Monday morning next

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday 24th November 1770

The House met and adjourned till Monday morning Ten of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday 26th November 1770

M^r Glen (according to order) reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill for the better ordering of the Militia was Committed, the Amendments which the Committee had made to the Bill and which they had directed him to report to the House and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments, were read and agreed to by the House and several Amendments were made by the House to the Bill—

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be Engrossed

A Petition from John Dawney, whose Name is thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read setting forth That on the fifth day of December last, his Excellency the Governor was pleased to appoint the Petitioner Cryer of the General Court of Sessions of this Province, Keeper of the Court House and Tipstaff to the Judges, which Offices the Petitioner hath ever since faithfully executed, to the Utmost of his Power. That by means of the holding many special Courts and numerous Adjournments of the General Courts (owing to the increase of Law Business) and the keeping the Court House in good order, &c. The Petitioner's said Departments are attended with much loss of time, and great trouble and expence, and that only Ten pounds a year hath hitherto been allowed by the Legislature of this province for executing the said Offices: The Petitioner therefore humbly prays the House to make him a further Annual Allowance for his said trouble and Attendance, and the Petitioner will ever pray &c.

ORDERED That the said Petition do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House—

The order of the day for taking under Consideration the Complaint of one of the Members of the Committee appointed to enquire what number of Men had been upon Duty in the Town Watch of Savannah, and what money had been paid for the Support of the Same, and report their Opinion thereon to the House, being read.—

ORDERED That the Consideration thereof be adjourned till Wednesday morning next—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning, Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday 27th November 1770

The Bill to empower Commissioners or Surveyors to lay out make and repair the Roads already laid out, or may hereafter be necessary, and also to Clear the Rivers and Creeks within their Respective Divisions, was read a Second time and ordered to be Committed to a Committee of the whole House

The House immediately Resolved itself into a Committee accordingly to take the said Bill into Consideration, and, after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Bulloch from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration, and made some progress therein, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again —

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a

Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into further Consideration to Morrow morning—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From *B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday 28th November 1770

The order of the day, for taking under Consideration the Complaint of one of the Members of the Committee to enquire what number of Men had been upon Duty in the Town Watch of Savannah, and what money had been paid for the support of the same, being read, The House took the same into Consideration accordingly, and —

ORDERED That M^r Speaker do reprimand William Moore, one of the Lieutenants of the said Watch Company (for his behavior to the said Committee) at the Bar of the House and the said William Moore attending at the Door he was called in, and Reprimanded at the Bar of the House by M^r Speaker, and then he was directed to withdraw

M^r Bryan from the Committee appointed to enquire which will be the most proper place or places for establishing a Ferry or Ferrys from this Province to South Carolina reported that they had enquired accordingly, and after getting the best Information they could had come to the following Resolutions, Vizt—

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a place opposite to the lower Bluff, commonly called the Two Sisters on Savannah River, is proper and Conve-

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nient for establishing a Ferry for the more easy Communication between this Province and South Carolina—

The said Resolution being read was agreed to by the House

ORDERED That the same be referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for establishing the several Ferries therein mentioned and that there be a Clause or Clauses in the said bill for establishing a Ferry at the place aforesaid.

A Petition from Andrew Elton Wells, Harbour Master, whose name is thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read setting forth, That the Petitioner is extremely Obliged to the House for the Sundry Offices Conferred on him, but, at the same time is sorry, that he is Constrained to say that the sum of five shillings on every Topsail Vessel and three Shillings on every Sloop and Schooner is not an equivalent or sufficient for the time he is obliged to take to see Ballast discharged, examining the Wharfs, keeping clear the Publick Docks, attending Courts, deciding Disputes and doing every other Duty of his Office, having received during the Term of Six Months Service, not the Amount of Seven pounds: The Petitioner therefore humbly prays some additional Salary or Gratuity may be Granted him as to the wisdom of the House may seem meet, &c*

ORDERED That the said Petition do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House—

The House (according to order) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill to empower Commissioners or Surveyors to lay out mark and repair the Roads already laid out or may hereafter be necessary and also to clear

the Rivers and Creeks within their respective Divisions, and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Bulloch from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again—

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take the said Bill into further Consideration to Morrow morning—

M^r Crooke from the Committee appointed to enquire which will be the most proper place for building a New Fort at the entrance of Savannah River, the expence of building the same, and also what will be the expence of repairing the Old Light House upon Tybee Island reported that the Committee had enquired accordingly and come to several Resolutions which they had directed him to report to the House and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the same in at the Table where the Resolutions were read and are as follows, Viz^t—

RESOLVED That it is the opinion of this Committee that a Spot of Ground on the Island of Cockspur (adjoining to Lands of John Wand and to Lands leased to William Lyford) extending one hundred and forty feet in wedth and two hundred feet in length, is the best Situation (of the Lands reserved for the use of his Majesty on said Island) for building a Fort—

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee that in order to make a Fort respectable and Compleat on the said Island it may be necessary to purchase from the said John Wand a certain part of his Land upon the Island of Cockspur not exceeding Sixty feet in Wedth and two hundred feet in Depth—

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RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Charge of building a usefull and respectable Fort on the said Island will amount to Two thousand five hundred pounds—

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the present Light House on Tybee Island may be repaired and continue standing (without some unforeseen accidents) for ten fifteen or Twenty years and that the Sum of Six hundred pounds will be sufficient for repairing the same and securing the foundation.

The said Resolutions being again severally read

RESOLVED That this House will take the same into Consideration on Tuesday morning next.

ORDERED That there be a Call of the House on the same Day previous to the Consideration of the said Resolutions—

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday 29th November 1770

The House (according to order) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill to empower Commissioners or Surveyors to lay out make and repair the Roads already laid out or may hereafter be necessary and also to clear the Rivers and Creeks within their respective Divisions and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Bulloch from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration and

made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into further Consideration to Morrow morning.

A Petition from Several Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed was presented to the House, and read setting forth That to remedy the want of a Short and Safe Communication with South Carolina the House last Session gave leave to bring in a Bill for establishing a Ferry at a place called Middlesex which upon the examination of several persons appeared the most likely to answer this good purpose, The Petitioners are informed that the Proprietor of the said place has been at considerable Expence to carry this Design into execution a. notwithstanding the uncommon height of the River during the whole Summer has so far succeeded that a Number of perons (and some Carriages) have passed and repassed, the Petitioners therefore pray that a Publick Road may be made to the said place and a Ferry be established agreeable to the Resolutions of the House last Session and the Petitioners will pray &c.—

ORDERED That the said Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for establishing the several Ferries therein mentioned.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday 30th November 1770

The House (according to order) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill to empower Commissioners or Surveyors to lay out make and repair the Roads already laid out or may hereafter be Necessary and also to clear the Rivers and Creeks within their respective Divisions and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Bulloch from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again —

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into further Consideration on Monday morning next.

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Saturday 1st December 1770

The House met and adjourned till Monday morning
Ten of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday 3^d December 1770

The House (according to order) resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill to empower Commissioners or Surveyors to lay out make and repair the Roads already laid out or may hereafter be Necessary and also to clear the Rivers and Creeks within their respective Divisions and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Bulloch from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration gone through the same and made several Amendments thereto which the Committee had directed him to report to the House when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED That the Report be received to Morrow morning

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday 4th December 1770

M^r Bulloch (according to order) reported from the Committee of the whole House to whom the Bill to empower Commissioners or Surveyors to lay out make and repair the Roads already laid out or may hereafter be necessary and also to clear the Rivers and Creeks within their respective Divisions was Committed the Amendments which the Committee had made to the Bill and which they had directed him to report to the House, and

he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed

The order of the Day for the House being called over the House was called over accordingly—

M^r Speaker presented to the House a Letter from Thomas Young, Esquire, elected and returned Representative for the Parish of Saint Andrew in the Room of William Groeme, Esquire, deceased, desiring to decline taking his Seat as a Member of the House, and it appearing to the House that he had been Elected contrary to his Inclination and without his Knowledge, therefore—

RESOLVED That the written excuse from the said Thomas Young, Esquire, for declining his Seat as a Member of the House be admitted—

ORDERED That an Address be prepared and presented to his Excellency the Governor requesting he will be pleased to give Orders for issuing a Writ to elect a Representative for the Parish of Saint Andrew in the Room of Thomas Young, Esquire, who has declined taking his Seat as a Member of the House.

The said Address being prepared was Read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That M^r Barnard and M^r Crooke do wait on his Excellency and present the said Address

The other order of the day being read

ORDERED That the same be adjourned over till next Thursday Week

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock—

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday 5th December 1770

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to examine into the State of the Several Accounts and Finances the produce of the General Tax the State of the Currency and Funds for Sinking Certificates and report their Opinion thereon to the House and a Committee was appointed accordingly and they have power to send for Persons Papers and records—

Committed to M^r Bulloch, M^r Le Conte, M^r Morel M^r Farley, Sir Patrick Houstoun, and M^r Andrew

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock—

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday 6th December 1770

The House met and adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday 7th December 1770

The House met and adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday 8th December 1770

The House met and adjourned till Monday morning
Ten of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday 10th December 1770

The Ordinance for Reappointing Benjamin Franklin Esquire, Agent to sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain was read a Second time.

ORDERED That the said Ordinance be Ingrossed.

RESOLVED That this House will provide a Sufficient Sum for defraying the expence of putting up and fixing the Dial in Johnsons Square where it formerly stood

ORDERED That the Commissary do give such directions for putting up and fixing the same as may appear Necessary and proper—

The Ingrossed Bill intitled an Act for the better ordering the Militia was read a third time—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That M^r Barnard do Carry the said Bill to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday 11th December 1770

M^r Barnard from the Committee appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Governor with the Address of this House on Wednesday last reported that they had (pursuant to order) waited on his Excellency and presented the said Address to which his Excellency was pleased to answer he would give orders for issuing a Writ accordingly—

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into Consideration the several Accounts against the Publick and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and Sir Patrick Houstoun from the Committee reported they had taken the said Accounts into Consideration and made some progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Accounts into further Consideration on Tuesday next—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday 12th December 1770

The House took under Consideration the Petition of Andrew Elton Wells, Harbour Master presented to this House the 28th November last—

And a Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to enquire what Number of Shipping have arrived in the Port of Savannah for the last Six Months a debate arising thereon.

The Question was put
and passed in the Negative

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to enquire what Number of Shipping have arrived in the Port of Savannah for the last twelve months and report their opinion thereon to the House and a Committee was appointed accordingly—

Committed to M^r Simpson, M^r Crooke, M^r Bryan, M^r Andrew and M^r Isaac Young—

The House took under Consideration the Petition of John Dawney Cryer and Keeper of the Court &c^a and

RESOLVED That this House will provide the Sum of Five pounds to be added to the susual Salary of Cryer and Keeper of the said Court &c^a

ORDERED That the Committee appointed to enquire what Number of Men have been upon Duty in the Town Watch of Savannah and what Money has been paid for support of the same do make their report on or before Friday morning next—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From *B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday 13th December 1770

Samuel Jones, Esquire elect and returned Representative for the Parish of Saint Philip, proved himself duly qualified to serve as a Representative, agreeable to the Terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, and then took the Oaths, and made and subscribed the Declaration, and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and then took his Seat—

The order of the day, for the taking under Consideration the Resolutions of the Committee appointed to enquire which will be the most proper place for building a New Fort at the Entrance of Savannah River the expence of building the Same, and also what will be the expence of repairing the old Light House upon Tybee Island, being read—

The House took the same into Consideration accordingly, and

ORDERED That the Consideration of the first three Resolutions be postponed—

Then a Motion was made, that the New Light House should be built, and a Debate arising thereon—

The Question was put, and

Passed in the Negative

RESOLVED, on the last Resolution of the said Committee

That a Sum not exceeding Six hundred and Sixty pounds be borrowed from the Fund for building a New

Light House on Tybee Island, and appropriated for repairing the Old Light House on the said Island—

M^r William Young, from the Committee appointed to enquire what Number of Men have been upon duty in the Town Watch of Savannah, and what money have been paid for support of the same, reported they had come to a Resolution, which the Committee had directed him to report to the House and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Table where it was again read, and is as follows Viz^t—

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee that a Nightly Watch or Guard in the Town of Savannah is absolutely Necessary and of Publick Utility and from the best Information the Committee could obtain are of Opinion that the Sum allowed (to each Man doing their duty) by the Act of Assembly past last Session has proved insufficient to inlist the number of Men required for that Service—

The said Resolution being again read

RESOLVED That this House will take the State of the Watch Company in the Town of Savannah into Consideration on Monday morning next—

ORDERED That the Captain of the said Watch do lay a State of the Accounts and of the number of Men in listed in the same before the House at the said Time—

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday 14th December 1770

ORDERED That the Clerk do write Button Gwinnett Esquire, acquainting him that the House requires his immediate Attendance

The ingrossed Bill intitled an Act to empower Commissioners or Surveyors to lay out make and repair the Roads already laid out or may hereafter be necessary and also to clear the Rivers and Creeks within their respective Divisions was read a third time and some Amendments were made to the Bill by way of Rider—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That Mr Crooke do Carry the said Bill to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence—

The Ordinance for reappointing Benjamin Franklin, Esquire, Agent to sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain was read a third time—

RESOLVED That the Ordinance do pass

ORDERED That Mr Crooke do Carry the said Ordinance to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence—

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday 15th December 1770

The House met and adjourned till Monday morning Ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday 17th December 1770

M^r Crooke from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of Parishes from such Charges as may arise from Bastard Children, reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time—

M^r Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for establishing several Ferries, and for Vesting the same in the persons therein mentioned, reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time—

A Petition from Peter Tondee, Robert Kirkwood, and Joseph Dunlap, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read setting forth, that, on or about the 26th November 1765 the Petitioners were employed to build a two Story Brick House for the purpose of holding the General Courts of this Province, under the Direction of the Commissioners appointed for that purpose an Estimate of the labour thereon being first laid before the said Commissioners amounting to Four hundred and fifty pounds Nineteen Shillings and Six-pence—

That the Petitioners having made a Calculation of the work now done on the said House, find themselves great losers thereby, the Calculation now made amounting by measurements at the lowest Rates, to Five hundred and Ninety five pounds so that there plainly appears a Loss much more than the Petitioners are able to bear. they therefore humbly pray the House will take the Premises

under Consideration, and grant such further Allowance as to the Wisdom of the House shall seem meet, and that one of the Petitioners may be permitted to explain this matter to the House—

That as there is a considerable Ballance still due the Petitioners exclusive of any Additional Allowance the House may please to Grant, the Want of which, Causes the Petitioners to labour under great Hardships and Distress, a State of the same being hereunto annexed, they therefore intreat the House will take the whole into Consideration, and make provision accordingly and the Petitioners will ever pray, &c—

Then the Title of the Account referred to by the Petition being read—

ORDERED That the said Petition and Account do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House—

The order of the day for taking under Consideration the State of the Watch Company in the Town of Savannah, being read, The House took the same into Consideration accordingly, and the Captain of the said Watch attending according to order, presented to the House his several Accounts, and the Titles of the said Accounts were read—

RESOLVED That this House will provide the Sum of Seventeen pounds five Shillings, to be paid to the Several Officers and Private Men of the Watch in the Town of Savannah in the following manner, Viz^t at the Rate of Twenty five Shillings to each Officer for the ensuing Quarter, and at the Rate of Ten Shillings to each Private Man for the ensuing Quarter, over and above the pay allowed by the Act of Assembly—

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend an Act for raising a Certain Number of Watchmen for preserving good order in and about the Town of Savannah, and that M^r Crooke, M^r William Young, and M^r Farley, do prepare and bring in the said Bill—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday 18th December 1770

The Bill for the Relief of Parishes from such Charges as may arise from Bastard Children, was read a Second time, and ordered to be Committed—

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee accordingly to take the said Bill into Consideration, and after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Elbert from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration, gone through the same, and made several Amendments thereto, which the Committee had directed him to report to the House, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were read and agreed to by the House—

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be Ingrossed

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday 19th December 1770

The Bill for establishing several Ferries, and for Vesting the same in the persons therein mentioned, was read a second time, and ordered to be Committed to a Committee of the whole House. The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee accordingly to take the said Bill into Consideration and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Glen from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and made several Amendments thereto which the Committee had directed him to report to the House, and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were read and agreed to by the House—

ORDERED That the said Bill with the Amendments be Ingrossed

ORDERED That the several Commissioners of the Roads within this Province do lay a State of their Accounts and proceedings before the House on or before the 22^d day of January next—

ORDERED That an Address be prepared and presented to his Excellency the Governor, acquainting him, that the House have come to a Resolution to provide the Sum of Seventeen pounds five Shillings to be paid to the Several Officers and private men of the Watch in the Town of Savannah, in the following Manner, Viz^t at the Rate of Twenty five Shillings to each Officer for the ensuing Quarter at the Rate of Ten Shillings to each Private Man for the ensuing Quarter, over and above the pay allowed by the Act of Assembly and to request that his Excellency

will be pleased to give orders to the Officers of the said Watch to enlist Men with all possible Dispatch.

Motion was made for Leave to bring in a Bill to empower Commissioners to repair and fit up the Filature in the Town of Savannah and to appropriate the same as a House for the Governor for the time being, and to dispose of the House now possessed by the Governor, and for applying the Money arising therefrom towards the reimbursing the expence of repairing and fitting up the said Filature.

RESOLVED That this House will take the said Motion into Consideration on Friday morning next—

A Message from the Upper House by the Deputy Clerk of the General Assembly: That the Upper House have passed an Ordinance for appointing the Honorable James Read, Esquire, a Commissioner in the General Loan Office of this Province in the Room of the Honorable Francis, ^(sic) Esquire, who has declined serving in the said Office to which Ordinance they desire the Concurrence of this House—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday 20th December 1770

The Address as ordered of Yesterday, to his Excellency the Governor, being prepared, was read and agreed to by the House—

ORDERED That M^r Glen and M^r Elbert do wait on his

Excellency and present the said Address, and accordingly they withdrew, and being returned, M^r Glen, reported they had pursuant to order waited upon his Excellency and presented the said Address, to which he was pleased to Answer that he would give orders for that purpose immediately

The Ingrossed Bill, entitled an Act for the Relief of Parishes from such Charges as may arise from Bastard Children, was read a third time—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That M^r Crooke do Carry the said Bill to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence—

A Message from the Upper House by the Deputy Clerk of the General Assembly that the Upper House had sent for the Consideration of the House—

A Petition from Hugh Ross, whose name is thereunto subscribed, directed to his Excellency the Governor, the Honorable Members of his Majesty's Council, M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly—

The said Petition was read to the House in the following words Viz^t: That the Petitioner had the Honour to be appointed Clerk of the Market in the Town of Savannah in the year 1755, and, by an Act passed that year, was to provide Weights and Measures agreeable to those of the Exchequer of Great Britain, which he accordingly did at his own expence, and for which he has never been paid: That as the Measures the Petitioner has provided are made of Wood, bound with iron, and, by constantly making use of them in examining and rectifying other Measures, are now much wore away, the Petitioner there-

fore humbly prays there may be a new Sett provided, to be made of Copper, from a Gill to a Bushel, also a Brass yard, and the Petitioner will ever pray, &c^a

ORDERED That the said Petition do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House—

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to find out ways and means for reimbursing the General Tax the Sum of Four hundred and Ninety pounds paid to John Rae Esquire, for two Lots on the Strand in the Town of Savanah, and a Committee was appointed accordingly—

Committed to M^r Bulloch M^r William Young and M^r Farley—

The Ingrossed Bill intitled an Act for establishing several Ferries and for Vesting the same in the Persons therein mentioned, was read a third time—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That M^r Glen do carry the said Bill to the Upper House and desire their concurrence—

A Message from the Upper House by the Deputy Clerk of the General Assembly—

That the Upper House have agreed to a Bill intitled an Act for the better ordering the Militia, with some Amendments to which Amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House—

The House took the said Amendments into Consideration and agreed to some, and disagreed to others.

ORDERED That M^r Glen do carry the Bill to the Upper House, and acquaint them that this House, having

taken the Amendments made by their House to the said Bill into Consideration, have agreed to some, and disagreed to others therefore this House desires that they will appoint a Committee to join a Committee of this House in Conference on the subject matter of the said Amendments—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday 21st December 1770

ORDERED That the Clerk of the Committee of Correspondence do lay the Proceedings of the said Committee before the House

The order of the day, for taking under Consideration the motion made for leave to bring in a Bill to empower Commissioners to repair and fit up the Filature in the Town of Savannah, and to appropriate the same as a House for the Governor for the Time being, and to dispose of the House now possessed by the Governor, and for applying the money arising therefrom towards the reimbursing the expence of repairing and fitting up the said Filature, being read—

The House took the same into Consideration accordingly and a Motion being made for Leave to bring in the said Bill—

the Question was put, and passed in the Negative

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to examine the Condition of the Filature in the Town of Savannah and to what use it may be proper to appropriate the same,

and report their Opinion thereon to the House, and a Committee was appointed accordingly

'Committed to M^r Bulloch, M^r Simpson and Sir Patrick Houstoun.

A Message from the Upper House by the Deputy Clerk of the General Assembly: That the upper House have agreed to the Ordinance for Reappointing Benjamin Franklin, Esquire, Agent to solicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain with some Amendments, to which Amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House

A Message from the Upper House by the Deputy Clerk of the General Assembly: That the Upper House agree to the Conference proposed by this House on the Amendments made to the Ingrossed Bill, intitled, an Act for the better ordering the Militia, and have appointed a Committee of their House to join a Committee of this House thereon, to meet in the Room adjoining the Council Chamber immediately

Committee, Honorable Noble Jones, Francis Harris, James M^r Kay, James Edward Powell, Esquires.—

ORDERED That M^r Bulloch, M^r Glen, Sir Patrick Houstoun, M^r Morel, and M^r Jones be a Committee to join a Committee of the Upper House in the said Conference

ORDERED That M^r Ewen and M^r Box do wait upon his Excellency the Governor and desire that his Excellency will be pleased to adjourn the House till after the ensuing Holidays, and accordingly they withdrew, and being returned, M^r Ewen reported, that they had, according to order, waited upon his Excellency and that he was

pleased to Answer that he would send the House an adjournment in half an hour.

Sir Patrick Houstoun from the Committee of Conference of both Houses on the Amendments made by the Upper House to the Ingrossed Bill, intitled an Act for the better ordering the Militia, reported, that the Committee of both Houses had agreed on certain Amendments to be made to the said Bill, which he was directed to report to the House, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Table, where it was read and agreed to by the House—

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for ascertaining the fees of Publick Officers, and other Persons therein mentioned, and that M^r Bulloch, M^r Glen and Sir Patrick Houstoun, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said Bill—

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for laying a Duty on Negroes, Rum, Wines, Goods, Wares, and other Merchandize, herein after mentioned, Imported for Sale and for appropriating the money arising therefrom and that M^r William Young, M^r Bulloch and M^r Ewen, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said Bill—

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Deputy Clerk of the General Assembly—

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

I do hereby adjourn the Commons House of Assembly untill the Eighth day of January next, to meet for the

dispatch of Business, and it is accordingly adjourned to the Eighth day of January next—

Given under my hand at Savannah the
21st day of December, 1770

JAMES WRIGHT

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members
of the Commons House of Assembly—

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday 8th January, 1771

The House met according to Prorogation, and then adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday 9th January 1771

M^r Crooke from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to empower the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly Intituled [“an Act for laying a duty upon Negroes and other “Slaves that have been above Six Months in any of the “Islands or Colonies in America, and imported for Sale “in this Province and for appropriating the Same to “wards repairing or rebuilding the Light House on Tybee “Island and to prevent Negroe Convicts being imported “into and sold in this Province”] To Cancell and make void the Contract entered into by them with John Mullryne, Esquire, for building a New Light House upon the Island of Tybee, also to purchase the Materials herein after mentioned from the said John Mullryne, and to

dispose of the same, and to repair the present Light House, and also to empower Commissioners herein after named, to build a Fort on the Island of Cockspur, and for borrowing a Sum not exceeding ^(sic) from the Light House Fund for the purpose herein after mentioned, and for replacing the said Sum reported they had prepared the same, which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time—

M^r Bulloch from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for laying a Duty on Negroes, Rum, Wines, Goods, Wares, and other Merchandise herein after mentioned imported for Sale, and for appropriating the Money arising therefrom, reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time—

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for regulating the Proceedings of the General Court, and that M^r Bulloch and M^r Andrew be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said Bill—

M^r Bulloch from the said Committee, reported, that they had the said Bill ready prepared, which he was directed to report to the House, and the said Bill was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a Second time—

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday 10th January, 1771

The Bill for laying a Duty on Negroes, Rum, Wines, Goods, Wares, and other Merchandise, herein after men-

tioned, imported for Sale, and for appropriating the Money arising therefrom was read a Second time, and ordered to be Committed to a Committee of the whole House—

The Bill for regulating the Proceedings of the General Court was read a Second time, and ordered to be Committed to a Committee of the whole House—

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee accordingly to take the said Bill into Consideration and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Bulloch from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration, gone through the same, and made some Amendments thereto, which the Committee had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were read and agreed to by the House—

~~Ordered~~ That the Bill with the Amendments be ~~In-~~ grossed

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday, 11th January, 1771

The Bill to empower the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly, Intituled ["an Act "for laying a Duty upon Negroes and other Slaves that "have been above Six months in any of the Islands or "Colonies in America, and imported for Sale in this Province, and for appropriating the Same towards re-

"pairing or rebuilding the Light House on Tybee Island, "and to prevent Negroe Convicts being imported into and "Sold in this Province] to Cancell and make Void the Contract entered into by them with John Mullryne, Esquire, for building a New Light House upon the Island of Tybee, also to purchase the Materials herein after mentioned from the said John Mullryne, and to dispose of the Same, and to repair the present Light House and also to empower Commissioners herein after named to build a Fort on the Island of Cockspur and for borrowing a Sum not exceeding ~~one~~¹⁰⁰⁰ from the Light House Fund, for the purpose herein after mentioned, and for replacing the said Sum was read a Second time, and ordered to be Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

ORDERED That the Clerk do write Jonathan Bryan, Esquire, acquainting him that the House requires his immediate Attendance.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Saturday 12th January 1771

The House met and adjourned till Monday morning Ten of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday 14th January 1771

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into Consideration the Bill for laying a Duty on Negroes, Rum, Wines, Goods, Wares, and

other Merchandise herein after mentioned, imported for Sale, and for appropriating the money arising thereon, and after some time spent thereon M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r William Young from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration, and made some progress thereon, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

Resolved. That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into further Consideration to Morrow morning—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

From S. P. R. Ch. S. of T., George, Vol. 43.

Tuesday 15th January 1771

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into Consideration, the Bill for laying a Duty on Negroes, Town Taxes, Canvass Wages, and other Merchandise herein after mentioned imported for Sale and for appropriating the Money arising thereon and after some time spent thereon M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r William Young from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration and made some further progress thereon and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again—

Resolved. That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into further Consideration—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday 16th January 1771

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into Consideration the Bill to empower the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly, Intitled, [“an Act for laying “a Duty upon Negroes and other Slaves that have been “above six Months in any of the Islands or Colonies in “America, and imported for Sale in this Province and “for appropriating the Same towards repairing or re-“building the Light House on Tybee Island, and to pre-“vent Negroe Convicts being imported into and sold in “this Province”] to Cancell and make Void the Contract entered into by them with John Mullryne, Esquire, for building a New Light House upon the Island of Tybee also to purchase the Materials herein after mentioned from the said John Mullryne, and to dispose of the same and to repair the present Light House and also to empower Commissioners herein after named to build a Fort on the Island of Cockspur, and for borrowing a Sum not exceeding ^(sic) from the Light House Fund for the purposes herein after mentioned, and for replacing the said Sum, and after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Farley from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration, and made some Progress therein, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to Sit again—

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into further Consideration on Friday morning next

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday 17th January 1771

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Clerk of the Council was read to the House in the words following, Viz^t

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly—

As M^r Watson, the late Clerk of the Council, was also Master in Chancery, my Messages to your House were usually sent by him as such; but the present Clerk of the Council not being bred to the Law, I have not thought it proper to give him that appointment and therefore all future Messages from me will be sent to your House by the Clerk of the Council—

JAMES WRIGHT, Savannah, 17th January 1771

Then the Clerk of the Council presented to the House, by order of his Excellency the Governor, a Memorial of the Principal Merchants of the Town of Savannah, the Inhabitants and Landholders of the said Town, and the Captains of Merchant Ships and other Vessels thereunto belonging, and trading thereto whose names are thereunto subscribed directed to his Excellency James Wright Esquire, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of Georgia, the Members of his Majesty's Honorable Council, and the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly, in General Assembly, met, Setting forth, that the Memorialists having observed his Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session, that he was pleased to recommend to the Consideration of the Commons House of Assembly the Ruinous Condition of Fort George and the Necessity there appeared to be of having a Fort upon Cockspur Island, for the Security of the Navigation of this River, and to prevent Malignant Distempers being brought into

this Province, and to enforce the execution of other Salutary Laws thereof, and having farther observed, by his Excellency's Message subsequent to his Speech, that he again urges and recommends to Consideration the expediency of having a Fort built on some Convenient Spot at the Entrance of this River; and having also seen, that, in consequence of his Excellency's Speech and Message, the Commons House of Assembly appointed a Committee to go down and fix upon a proper Spot of Ground for that purpose, which they having accordingly done, and reported the Same, and the Sum, which, in their Opinion, it will take to erect a respectable Fort thereon. The Petitioners therefore, with the greatest Deference, beg leave to lay before them their Apprehensions and Fears lest the present fluctuating and uncertain State of Affairs in Europe should be productive of a War between Great Britain and some of the Maratime Powers, which Event may prove of very pernicious Consequences to the Trade and Navigation of this Province in its present defenceless condition, and perhaps to the Ruin of the Inhabitants of the principal Towns and the Neighbouring Plantations; and to humbly pray that such a Fort may be erected as may answer the Salutary purposes before mentioned and also be able to repell the Attempts of Privateers, and to secure the Navigation of the River from them and other Sea Powers: All which they hope, and even assure themselves (from the experience they have had of the Wisdom and public Spirit of every Branch of the Legislature) will be speedily done and the Memorialists will ever pray, &c^a—

ORDERED That the said Memorial do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday 18th January 1771

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill to empower the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly Intitled "an Act for laying "a duty upon Negroes and other Slaves that have been "above Six Months in any of the Islands or Colonies in "America, and imported for Sale in this Province and for "appropriating the same towards repairing or rebuilding "the Light House on Tybee Island, and to prevent Ne- "groe Convicts being imported into and Sold in this Prov- "ince" to Cancell and make Void the Contract entered into by them with John Mullryne, Esquire, for building a New Light House upon the Island of Tybee, also to purchase the Materials herein after mentioned from the said John Mullryne, and to dispose of the same, and to repair the present Light House, and also to empower Commissioners herein after named to build a Fort on the Island of Cockspur, and for borrowing the Sum of One thousand Six hundred and Sixty pounds from the Light House Fund for the purposes herein after mentioned and for replacing the said Sum, and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Farley from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration and made some further Progress therein, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again—

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into further Consideration on Tuesday morning next—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday 19th January 1771

The House met and adjourned till Monday Morning
Ten of the Clock—

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday 21st January 1771

A Petition from Sundry Persons arrived in this Province from the North of Ireland whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read Setting forth that the Petitioners being informed of the encouragement intended to be given to New Settlers by the Legislature of this Province, did in consequence of that Information, leave their Native Home, and arrived here lately in the Ship Hopewell, Captain Ashe, from Belfast in the North of Ireland. As the Petitioners have large families, their Emigration has been attended with great Expence having paid the Passage money for themselves and Families from which Cause their Circumstances are greatly impaired and are unable to provide themselves with such Necessaries as are absolutely Needful to Carry them to the Town of Queensborough, in this Province where their Intention is to settle themselves and Families. The Petitioners therefore humbly pray the House to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant such Assistance as to its Wisdom shall seem meet, And the Petitioners will ever pray, &c^a—

The House took the said Petition into Consideration and

RESOLVED That this House will provide the Sum of

Fifty pounds to be paid to John Rae, Esquire, for the purpose of enabling the said Petitioners to settle at the Town of Queensborough

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday 22nd January 1771

The House according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill to empower the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly Intituled, [“an Act for laying a duty upon Negroes and other Slaves that have been above Six Months in any of the Islands or Colonies in America, and imported for Sale in this Province, and for appropriating the same towards repairing or rebuilding the Light House on Tybee Island, and to prevent Negro Convicts being imported into and Sold in this Province”] to Cancell and make Void the Contract entered into by them with John Mullryne, Esquire, for building a New Light House, upon the Island of Tybee, also to purchase the Materials herein after mentioned from the said John Mullryne, and to dispose of the same, and to repair the present Light House, and also to empower Commissioners herein after named to build a Fort on the Island of Cockspur and for borrowing the Sum of One thousand Six hundred and sixty pounds from the Light House Fund for the purposes herein after mentioned, and for replacing the said Sum, and, after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Farley from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into

further Consideration gone through the same, and made some Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were read and agreed to by the House—

ORDERED That the said Bill, with the Amendments be Ingrossed

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday 23^d January 1771

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into further Consideration the several Accounts against the Publick, and, after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and Sir Patrick Houstoun from the Committee reported they had taken the said Accounts into further Consideration, and made some further Progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again—

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Accounts into further Consideration on Friday morning next—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday, 24th January 1771

A Petition from John Joachim Zubly, Clerk, whose Name is thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read setting forth, That at the Request and persuasion of several Persons, who complained of the expence and Difficulty of crossing Savannah River, the Petitioner, at a Place called Middlesex, where the Lands on both sides of the River are his Property, has opened a Road, and for about Eighteen months past, Kept a White Man, with a Boat and Hands, and a Number of People have passed in that time, at an expence of two thirds less than is paid by going to Purisburgh, as well as with greater Ease, and in much shorter time: That he is informed this House having last Sessions carefully examined the Matter, have in the present passed an Act to establish a Publick Ferry at the said place, and fixed a Rate of Six pence for a Man and Horse &c: The Petitioner, before the passing of this Act, persuaded that no other Spot can answer the purpose of the Publick equally well, has put himself to an expence little Short of Six hundred pounds, as by a Calculation annexed will fully appear, and he is of Opinion, that if those liable to make the said Road should, after the work he has done, work on it about Ten or Twelve days, it may be made as passable at all Times as any or most Ferries in this Province especially if the Commissioners should take the Benefit of a high Ridge of Land, which would make the Road but very little longer: The Petitioner begs leave to observe, that, altho' the rate of Six pence for some Years to Come will be hardly sufficient to defray the expences, much less make him any Satisfaction for those he has already been at he will chearfully engage to submit to the Regulations made in the said Act, if the House shall

see fit to make him any Consideration for the Expence he has already been at, and, besides giving up the labour done by his own Hands, he will esteem himself happy to be a large Contributor to a Work of such Publick Utility, in accepting a lesser Sum than he will make appear has by him been actually laid out: And as the People of Saint Matthew's Parish, who, by the Act passed, are liable to make this Road, must have done all the work by him done, and built the Bridge by him already built, and withal are but weak in Slaves, have more Publick work than perhaps any other Parish in the Province and as a Communication with all the Northward Provinces may be considered rather as a Concern and Benefit of the whole Province, than of that single Parish: The Petitioner prays the House may take the whole into Consideration, &c.—

Then the Title of the Estimate annexed to the said Petition being read—

ORDERED That the said Petition and Estimate do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House—

The Ingrossed Bill for regulating the Proceedings of the General Court was read a third time, and some Amendments were made to the Bill by the House—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That M^r Crooke do carry the said Bill to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence—

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday 25th January 1771

The House according to order resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into further Consideration the several Accounts against the Publick and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and Sir Patrick Houstoun from the Committee reported they had taken the said Accounts into further Consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again—

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Accounts into further Consideration—

ORDERED That an Address be prepared and presented to his Excellency the Governor, requesting he will be pleased to inform the House whether he has received any further Instructions from his Majesty relative to issuing of Writs to elect Representatives for the Parishes of Saint David, Saint Patrick, Saint Thomas, and Saint Mary—

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Clerk of the Council—

That he was ordered by his Excellency to present to the House a Memorial from Cornelius McCarty whose Name is thereunto subscribed directed to his Excellency James Wright, Esquire, Captain General Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of Georgia the Members of the Hnorable Council and Commons House of Assembly in General Assembly met And the said Memorial was received and read Setting

forth that the Memorialist being informed that the Sum of Three thousand pounds was some time since granted by an Act of the Assembly of this Province for building a New Light House upon Tybee Island and that a Bill is now under Consideration of the Commons House of Assembly for annulling and making Void the Same From an Opinion as the Memorialist humbly conceives that the present old Light House with Small repairs would Stand for many Years and the Publick be thereby freed from the expence of building a New One for a considerable time. The Memorialist therefore begs leave to represent to his Excellency and the Members of both the Honorable Houses of Assembly that about the Year 1759 the Commissioners appointed for keeping in Repait the Light House on Tybee Island did employ the Memorialist to repair the same which he did as fully as was in his power— That as by the many Gales of Wind which have since happened (as he presumes) the Additional Base which the Memorialist then gave to the House is now in a great Measure rendered useless especially to the North West, the Principal Timbers and Frame of the Original Building much decayed and the whole (as the Memorialist humbly Conceives from a very late Examination which he personally made of the same) in a ruinous Condition and incapable of Standing long— The Memorialist from these Considerations is therefore induced to lay before his Excellency and the Honorable Members of both Houses of Assembly the following proposals for their Consideration—

First— That he will at his own proper Cost Charge and expence build or cause to be built on such part of the Island of Tybee (as he may be directed by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose) a Light House of the same height, Form and Shape of the present Light House the Frame to be made of good and sufficient Pine

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Timber placed on a Brick Foundation well secured underneath with Piles or Plank and shingled on the outside from bottom to top with good Cypress Shingles (which will best secure the Frame) for the Sum of Twelve hundred pounds Current money of Georgia

Secondly— He will (tho' he thinks the undertaking may be attended with some Danger to the People employed in the work) undertake to repair the present Light House in the most effectual manner it can be done by splicing the Defective parts of the Frame or putting in new pieces where it may be done with safety putting on new Weather Boards where wanted Glasing or closing up the Windows to prevent Rain beating in repairing the Floors and Stair making the Roof Light and improving the Foundation in the fullest manner in his power for the Sum of Six hundred pounds Current money of Georgia, The Memorialist humbly submits the Premises to Consideration &c.

ORDERED That the said Memorial do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House—

Motion was made that the House take under Consideration the necessity of erecting Places of Publick Worship in the different Parishes of this Province and for providing for Ministers to officiate therein, and also to provide for an Assistant for the Parish of Christ Church—

RESOLVED That this House will take the said Motion into Consideration next Tuesday Sen'night—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday 26th January 1771

The House met and adjourned till Monday morning
Ten of the Clock—

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday 28th January 1771

The House met and adjourned till to Morrow morning
Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday 29th January 1771

The House met and adjourned till to Morrow morning
Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday 30th January 1771

M^r Bulloch from the Committee appointed to prepare
and bring in a Bill to ascertain and regulate Publick
Officers Fees and also the Fees of other Persons herein
after mentioned reported they had prepared the same
which was received and read the first time, and ordered
to be read a Second time—

The House according to order resolved itself into a
Committee of the whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill for laying a Duty on Negroes, Rum,

Wines, Goods Wares and other Merchandise herein after mentioned, imported for Sale and for appropriating the money arising therefrom and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r William Young from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration gone through the same and made several Amendments thereto which the Committee had directed him to report to the House and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were read and agreed to by the House—

RESOLVED That the Title of the said Bill shall be a Bill for laying a Duty on Negroes, Rum & Wines, imported for Sale and for appropriating the Same—

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to examine the proceedings of the several Courts of Justice as also to enquire into the State of the Publick Offices and report their Opinion thereon to the House and a Committee was appointed accordingly and the said Committee shall have power to send for Persons, Papers and records—

Committed to M^r Farley, M^r Elbert, M^r Bulloch, M^r William Young, M^r Ewen, M^r Simpson, M^r LeConte, M^r Bryan and M^r Rae.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for subjecting Free Negroes and Mulattoes to certain Terms of Servitude who Contract Debts larger than any of their Effects can be found whereon to Levy for discharge of the Same and that M^r LeConte and M^r Simpson be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said Bill—

ORDERED That the Clerk do write Lachlan Mackintosh, Esquire, elected and Returned Representative for the Parish of Saint Andrew, that the House requires his immediate Attendance—

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday January 31st 1771

The Bill to ascertain and regulate Publick Officers Fees and also the Fees of other Persons herein after mentioned was read a Second time and ordered to be Committed to a Committee of the whole House, the House immediately resolved itself into a Committee accordingly to take the said Bill into Consideration and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and Sir Patrick Houstoun from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and made some progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again—

RESOLVED That his House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into further Consideration to Morrow morning.

ORDERED That the Clerk do write Edward Barnard Esquire, acquainting him that the House requires his attending his Duty in Assembly—

ORDERED That M^r Speaker do issue his Warrant for taking into Custody of the Messenger of this House John

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Rae and Jonathan Bryan, Esquires, for absolving themselves from their Duty in Assembling without leave of the House—

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow morning Nine of the Clock—

(From P. P. S. C.—S. of P. George, Vol. 1.)

Friday 1st February 1771

Motion was made that John Rae, Esquire, a Member of this House in Consideration of the Messenger be admitted to make his Excuse for not attending his Duty in Assembly— And the House being informed he was attending at the Door he was Called in and at the Bar of the House challenged he had been employed in performing Necessaries agreeable to a Vote of the House, to enable the Persons lately arrived from the North of Ireland to proceed to their intended Settlement in the Town of Queenborough—

RESOLVED. That as it appears John Rae, Esquire did absent himself from his Duty in Assembly without leave of the House yet he has required it did not proceed from any Contempt of the House therefore—

Ordered. That the said John Rae, Esquire be discharged out of Consideration of the Messenger attending this House upon payment of his Fees—

ORDERED. That M^r Speaker do issue his Warrant for taking into Consideration John More, Esquire, a Member of this House for absolving himself from his Duty in Assembly without leave of the House—

The House according to order resolved last eve a Committee of the whole House to take into further Con-

sideration the Bill to ascertain and regulate Publick Officers Fees, and also the Fees of other Persons hereinafter mentioned, and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and Sir Patrick Houstoun from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again—

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into further Consideration to Morrow morning—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From *B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday 2^d February 1771

The Address as ordered on Friday the 25th January last to his Excellency the Governor being prepared was read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That M^r Simpson and M^r LeConte do wait upon his Excellency and present the said Address, accordingly they withdrew and being returned M^r Simpson reported they had pursuant to order waited upon his Excellency and presented the said Address to which he was pleased to Answer that he had wrote home fully on the Subject mentioned in the said Address and that he was in expectation daily of receiving an Answer—

The House according to order resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill to ascertain and regulate Publick Officers Fees and also the Fees of other Persons herein after

mentioned, and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and Sir Patrick Houstoun from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again—

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into further Consideration.

Motion was made that Jonathan Bryan, Esquire, a Member of this House in Custody of the Messenger be admitted to make his excuse for not attending his Duty in Assembly—

And the House being informed he was attending at the Door he was Called in and at the Bar of the House and ^(sic) alledged that the Badness of the Roads from his House to Savannah and some other extraordinary Business had prevented his attending his Duty in Assembly and that he did not mean any disrespect to the House—

RESOLVED That as it appears Jonathan Bryan, Esquire, did not absent himself from his Duty in Assembly out of any disrespect to the House therefore—

ORDERED That the said Jonathan Bryan, Esquire, be discharged out of Custody of the Messenger upon Payment of his Fees

And then the House adjourned till Monday morning Ten of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday 4th February 1771

Motion was made, that John Morel, Esquire, a Member of this House, in Custody of the Messenger, be admitted to make his excuse for not attending his Duty in Assembly And the House being informed he was attending at the Door he was called in, and, at the Bar of the House, alledged, that the Badness of the Weather had prevented his attendance, and that he did not mean any disrespect to the House—

RESOLVED That as it appears John Morel, Esquire, was absent from his Duty in Assembly without Leave of the House but declaring he did not mean any disrespect to the House therefore—

ORDERED That the said John Morel, Esquire, be discharged out of Custody of the Messenger, upon Payment of his Fees.

Motion was made, that the Ingrossed Ordinance from the Upper House for appointing the Honorable James Read Esquire, a Commissioner in the General Loan Office of this Province, in the Room of the Honorable Francis Harris, Esquire, who has declined serving in the said Office, should be read the first time, a debate arising thereon, and the Question being put,

It was passed in the Negative

RESOLVED That, as it is the Opinion of this House that an Ordinance of this Nature ought constitutionally to take its Rise in the Commons House of Assembly, therefore—

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in an Ordin-

nance for appointing the Honorable James Read, Esquire, a Commissioner in the General Loan Office, in the Room of the Honorable Francis Harris, Esquire, who has declined serving in that Capacity and that M^r Simpson, M^r Ewen, and M^r Elbert, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same—

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday 5th February 1771

M^r Simpson, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Ordinance for appointing the Honorable James Read, Esquire, a Commissioner in the General Loan Office in the Room of the Honorable Francis Harris Esquire, who has declined serving in that Capacity, reported they had prepared the Same which was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a Second time—

The order of the day, for taking into Consideration the necessity of erecting Places of Public Worship in the different Parishes of this Province, and for providing for Ministers to Officiate therein, and also to provide for an Assistant for the Parish of Christ Church, being read, the House took the same into Consideration accordingly, and—

RESOLVED That there is an absolute necessity for erecting places of Publick Worship in Several Parishes of this Province and for providing for Persons to officiate therein, and also to provide for an Assistant for the Parish of Christ Church.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for erecting Churches, Chapels, or Schools, in the several Parishes herein after mentioned, and also for the Maintenance of Persons to Officiate therein, and also for a Maintenance of an Assistant for the Parish of Christ Church, and that M^r Farley, M^r Bulloch and M^r LeConte be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said Bill—

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for laying a Duty on Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, sold at Vendue, and for appropriating the Same, and that M^r Le Conte M^r Rae, and M^r Crooke, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said Bill—

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for laying a Duty upon Deer Skins exported, and for appropriating the same—

The Question being put

It passed in the Negative.

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday, 6th February 1771

The Ingrossed Bill for laying a Duty upon Negroes, Rum, and Wines, imported for Sale, and for appropriating the same, was read a third time, and Some Amendments were made to the Bill—

The Question was put if the said Bill should pass, it

It passed in the Negative—

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The Ordinance for appointing the Honorable James Read, Esquire, a Commissioner in the General Loan Office, in the Room of the Honorable Francis Harris, Esquire, who has declined Serving in that Capacity, was read the Second time and ordered to be Ingrossed—

A Petition from several Inhabitants of the Town of Queensborough whose names are thereunto Subscribed, was presented to the House, and read setting forth, That the kind Reception which their Friends and Country People met with upon their Arrival in this Province, and, from the great encouragement they had from the Publick; The Petitioners were influenced to part with what little personal substance they were possessed of in order to enable them to come to this Province and upon their Arrival the scarcity of Provisions and the Inconveniences they were put to for purchasing the same, laid them under the Necessity of parting with what little remains they had of their former Substance and whereas the Securing of their Land is a Matter of the utmost Importance unto them and their Posterity, and being utterly unable of themselves to secure the Same, and being encouraged by former Generosity extended to Strangers in General, and to them in particular, in assisting them to their Settlement: The Petitioners therefore beg that the House would take their Necessity into Consideration, and Grant them such Assistance as to its Wisdom shall seem meet towards the taking out the Grants of their Land, &c*

Motion was made that the prayer of the said Petition be granted—

The Question being put, it

It passed in the Negative

RESOLVED That this House will, on this day fortnight,

take into Consideration the entering upon a Tax Bill for the present year—

ORDERED That there be a Call of the House on the same day previous to the taking the said Resolution into Consideration

RESOLVED That such Members who do not attend at that time shall be proceeded against with the utmost Severity.

RESOLVED That during an Adjournment or Prorogation of the General Assembly, if any Member of the Commons House of Assembly shall die, that then and in that Case, M^r. Speaker for the time being shall have full power and Authority to Address his Excellency the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, requesting, that a Writ or Writs may issue for electing a Representative or Representatives in the Room of such Member or Members so dying, and the Address, so prepared signed and presented, shall be deemed an Act of the House—

Motion was made for altering the fifth Rule of this House and that for the future not less than twelve Members and the Speaker shall proceed to Business except in issuing Warrants, and ordering letters to be wrote to Members of this House, or any other Person, that then and in that Case Eight Members and the Speaker shall have full power and Authority for these purposes and no other—

RESOLVED That this House will take the said Motion into Consideration this day Week—

A Message from the Upper House by their Clerk That the Upper House have agreed to the Ingrossed Bill to empower Commissioners or Surveyors to lay out make and repair the Roads already laid out, or may hereafter be

necessary, and also to clear the Rivers and Creeks within their respective Divisions, with some Amendments, to which Amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House and also that the Upper House have agreed to the Ingrossed Bill for establishing several Ferries, and for Vesting the same in the Persons herein mentioned, with some Amendments, to which Amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House, and then the Messenger withdrew—

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday 7th February 1771

The House took into Consideration the Amendments made by the Upper House to the Ingrossed Bill for establishing several Ferries, and for Vesting the same in the Persons herein mentioned, and agreed to the Same—

ORDERED That M^r Farley do carry the Bill to the upper House and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their House to the said Bill

The Ingrossed Ordinance for appointing the Honorable James Read, Esquire, a Commissioner in the General Loan Office, in the Room of the Honorable Francis Harris Esquire, who has declined serving was read the third time—

RESOLVED That the Ordinance do pass

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun do carry the

said Ordinance to the upper House, and desire their Concurrence—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday 8th February 1771

ORDERED That an Address be prepared and presented to his Excellency the Governor, requesting he will be pleased to give orders for issuing a Writ to elect a Representative for the Parish of Saint Philip, in the Room of Samuel Jones Esquire, deceased—

The said Address being prepared, was read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED That M^r Le Conte and M^r Crooke do wait upon his Excellency and present the said Address, and being returned M^r Le Conte reported they had waited on his Excellency and presented the Address, and that he was pleased to answer that he would give directions for issuing the said Writ immediately—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday 9th February 1771

The House met and adjourned till Monday morning Ten of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday 11th February 1771

The House met and adjourned till to Morrow morning
Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday 12th February 1771

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into further Consideration the Bill to ascertain and regulate Publick Officers Fees, and also the Fees of other persons herein after mentioned and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and Sir Patrick Houstoun from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration, gone through the Same, and made several Amendments thereto, which the Committee had directed him to report to the House when the House will please to receive the Same—

ORDERED That the report on the Amendments to the said Bill be made to tomorrow morning—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday 13th February 1777 ^(sic)

Sir Patrick Houstoun (according to order) reported from the Committee of the whole House to whom the Bill

to ascertain and regulate Publick Officers Fees, and also the Fees of other Persons herein after mentioned was committed, the Amendments which the Committee had made to the Bill, and which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were read and agreed to by the House—

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be Ingrossed

The order of the day for taking under Consideration the Motion for altering the fifth rule of this House, and for the future that not less than Twelve Members and the Speaker shall proceed to any Business, except in issuing Warrants and ordering Letters to be wrote to Members, or any other Person, then and in that Case, Eight Members and the Speaker shall have full power and Authority for these purposes, and no other; being read,

The House took the Same into Consideration accordingly, and

RESOLVED That the said fifth Rule be altered, and that for the future the Speaker and Twelve Members shall be a Quorum to act as if all the Members were present, but that the Speaker and Eight Members may order Letters to be wrote to, or issue warrants against absent Members, and in no other Business of the House

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

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*(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)*Thursday 14th February 1771

M^r William Young, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for altering part of an Act, Intituled an Act for raising a certain Number of Watchmen for preserving good order in and about the Town of Savannah reported they had prepared the same, which was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a Second time—

The House took into Consideration the Amendments made by the Upper House to the Ingrossed Bill To empower Commissioners, or Surveyors to lay out, make and repair the Roads already laid out, or may hereafter be necessary, and also to clear the Rivers and Creeks within their respective Divisions, and agreed to some, and disagreed to others—

ORDERED That M^r Farley do Carry the Bill to the Upper House and acquaint them, that this House having taken the Amendments made by their House to the said Bill into Consideration, have agreed to some, and disagreed to others, therefore this House desires that ^(sic) will appoint a Committee to join a Committee of this House in Conference on the Subject matter of the said Amendments

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

*(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)*Friday 15th February 1771

The House met and adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Saturday 16th February 1771

The House met and adjourned till Monday morning
Ten of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday 18th February 1771

M^r Farley from the Committee appointed to examine the proceedings of the several Courts of Justice and also to enquire into the State of the Publick Offices to whom was referred a Complaint made to the House against Thomas Shruder, Esquire, Deputy Surveyor General for exacting Double Fees of several Persons for their precepts for Lands, reported the Committee found it necessary to require the Attendance of Thomas Moodie, Esquire, Deputy Secretary to answer such Questions as the Committee might deem expedient to propose—

Your Committee accordingly made an order on the said M^r Moodie for that purpose who attended on Thursday last and being acquainted that it was a Resolution of the Committee to examine all Persons called before them on Oath, the following was read to him ("you shall true answer make to all such Questions as may be required of you by this Committee relative to Fees allowed to be taken by the several Officers respecting Lands laid out and reserved for the use of the Irish and other Settlers So help you God") M^r Moodie being then asked whether he would take the said Oath, Replied

That as he apprehended no Oath whatever hath heretofore been required of any Person called either before the House of Assembly or a Committee thereof—he did

not chuse to be made the first example, for that reason he said he would not take the Oath requested of him—

Your Committee are unanimously of Opinion that the Refusal of the said M^r Moodie to comply with their request is a presumptuous Breach of the Privilege of the House and a daring Contempt of the Authority of your Committee whereby the Course of Publick Justice is retarded the injured Complainants are unredressed and our Constituents exposed to the rapacity and Insolence of Office—

The said Report being read

The Question was put if the House agree to the said Report

It passed in the Affirmative therefore—

ORDERED That M^r Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Messenger attending this House and the Acting Provost Marshal to take and commit the Body of the said Thomas Moodie immediately to the Common Goal in Savannah there to remain during the Pleasure of the House—

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday 19th February 1771

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into Consideration the Bill for altering part of an Act Intitled “an Act for raising a Certain number of Watchmen for preserving good order in and about the Town of Savannah” and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Far-

ley from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration gone through the same and made some Amendments thereto which he was directed by the Committee to report to the House and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were read and agreed to by the House—

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be Ingrossed

Two Messages from the Upper House by their Clerk Viz^t

That the Upper House have agreed to the Ingrossed Bill For the Relief of Parishes from such Charges as may arise from Bastard Children without any Amendment and also that the Upper House have agreed to the Conference desired by this House on the Amendments made ^(sic) their House to the "Ingrossed Bill to empower "Commissioners or Surveyors to lay out make and repair "the Roads already laid out or may hereafter be necessary and also to clear the Rivers and Creeks within their "respective Divisions" and have appointed a Committee accordingly to meet in the Room adjoining the Council Chamber To morrow morning Ten of the Clock

Committed to the Honorable John Graham, James Edward Powell, and Lewis Johnson, Esquire—

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to join a Committee of the Upper House in Conference on the Amendments made by the Upper House to the said Bill

Committed to M^r Bulloch, M^r Le Conte, M^r Andrew, Sir Patrick Houstoun and M^r Bryan—

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday 20th February 1771

The order of the day, for a Call of the House being read the House was called over accordingly; and the Names of John Millidge, Button Guinnett, and Edward Barnard, Esquires, being called over a Second time and they not appearing, nor any excuse for their Absence—

ORDERED That the Clerk do write John Millidge, Esquire that the House requires his attending his Duty in Assembly immediately—

ORDERED That the Speaker do issue his Warrant for taking into Custody Button Guinnett, Esquire, a Member of this House, for absenting himself from his Duty in Assembly.

RESOLVED That if Edward Barnard, Esquire, a Member of this House, do not attend his Duty in Assembly on or before this day fortnight, his Seat shall be deemed Vacant—

ORDERED That the Clerk do write to the said Edward Barnard, and acquaint him of the above Resolution—

The other order of the day for taking into Consideration the entering upon a Tax Bill for the present year being read, the House took the same into Consideration accordingly and A Motion was made, that the House order in a Tax Bill for the present year, and a Debate arising thereon,

The Question was put, and it

It passed in the Negative

RESOLVED That this House will not enter upon a Tax

Bill for the present year, the Parishes of Saint David Saint Patrick, Saint Thomas and Saint Mary, not being represented—

The Ingrossed Bill to ascertain and regulate Publick Officers Fees, and also the Fees of other Persons herein after mentioned, was read the third time—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That M^r Bulloch do carry the said Bill to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From *B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday 21st February 1771

The House met and adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From *B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday 22^d February 1771

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into further Consideration the Several Accounts delivered in against the Publick, and, after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and Sir Patrick Houstoun from the Committee reported they had taken the said Accounts into further Consideration gone through Sundry of the said Accounts, which he was directed to Report to the House, and he read the re-

port in his place, and afterwards delivered the Report in at the Table, where the Report was read and agreed to by the House—

And then the House adjourned till to
Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

But on the Evening of the same day being the 22^d of February 1771, His Excellency the Governor was pleased to dissolve the Assembly by Proclamation—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

GEORGIA.

Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia at the first Meeting of the Eight General Assembly of the Said Province, convened at the Town of Savannah on Tuesday the Twenty third day of April in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy One, by his Excellency James Wright Esquire, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province aforesaid

A True Copy from the Original Journals Examined

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Rec^d Oct^r 30, 1771.

Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia at the first Meeting of the Eight General Assembly of the Said Province, convened at the Town of Savannah on Tuesday the Twenty third day of April in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy One, by his Excellency James Wright Esquire, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province aforesaid

The Commission
for qualifying
the Members de-
livered to the
Clerk

The Clerk of the Council delivered to the Clerk of the Commons House of Assembly, by order of his Excellency the Governor a Commission directed to Jonathan Bryan, Noble Wimberly Jones, Archibald Bulloch, and William Young Esquires, the Members elected and returned to serve in General Assembly for the Town and District of Savannah The Clerk of the Council also delivered the several Writs of Election upon which the Representatives are elected and returned together with the several Indentures from the Provost Marshal

He examines
the several
Indentures
with the Writs
and reads the
Commission

The Clerk of the Commons House of Assembly after having examined the several Indentures returned with the Writs of Election read to the Representatives present the aforesaid Commission in the words following Viz^t

GEORGIA

By his Excellency James Wright, Esquire, Captain General, Governor and Comander in Chief of his Majesty's said Province of Georgia, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same—

To Jonathan Bryan, Noble Wimberly Jones, Archibald Bulloch, and William Young, Esquires, Greeting

The Commission

Whereas his most Sacred Majesty in and by his Royal Commission to me under the Great Seal of Great Britain hath amongst other things directed that the several Persons duly elected to serve as Members of the General Assembly of this Province shall before their Sitting take the Oaths mentioned and appointed to be taken by an Act Passed in the first year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the first entitled "an Act for the further Security of his Majesty's Person and Government and "the Succession of the Crown in the Heirs of the late "Princess Sophia being Protestants, and for extinguishing the Hopes of the Pretended Prince of Wales and

"his open and Secret Abettors" And whereas the said Act was altered by an Act of the Parliament of Great Britain made in the Sixth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord the King, that now is entitled "an Act for altering the Oath of Abjuration, and the assurance and for amending so much of an Act of the Seventh Year of her late Majesty Queen Anne entitled "an Act for the "improvement of the Union of the two Kingdoms" as "after the time therein limited requires the Delivery of "Certain Lists and Copies therein mentioned to Persons "indicted of high Treason or Misprision of Treason" And whereas the said Persons so elected are required also to make and subscribe the Declaration mentioned in an Act of Parliament made in the Twenty fifth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second entitled "An Act for preventing Dangers which may happen from Popish Recusants" which said Oaths (in the Form prescribed by the Act of Parliament last above mentioned) and the Declaration aforesaid I am fully authorized and empowered to commissionate fit Persons under the Seal of the Province aforesaid to tender and administer to the said several Persons so elected, And it is by his Majesty's Royal Commission and Instructions declared that untill the same be so taken and subscribed no Person shall be capable of Sitting though elected, I therefore reposing special Trust and Confidence in the Integrity Care and Circumspection of you the said Jonathan Bryan, Noble Wimberly Jones, Archibald Bulloch, and William Young, have Commissionated and appointed and by Virtue and pursuant to the Powers Vested in me as aforesaid do give unto you or any two or more of you full Power and Authority to tender and administer the Oaths in the last mentioned Act of Parliament contained and also the Declaration above mentioned unto the several Persons elected or that may hereafter be elected to serve as Members of the said General Assembly and to see them subscribe severally the said

Declaration when and as often as the same shall be requisite and necessary to be done, and you the said Jonathan Bryan, Noble Wimberly Jones, Archibald Bulloch, and William Young are hereby required to make a due return of your Proceedings by Virtue of this Commission from time to time unto me under your Hands and Seals with the Names of such Members as have been duly Qualified before you as aforesaid—

This Commission to Continue during Pleasure

Given under my Hand and the Great Seal of his Majesty's said Province of Georgia the Twenty third day of April in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy One and in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his Majesty King George the Third

JAMES WRIGHT L S

Secretary's Office

By his Excellencys Command }
Thomas Moodie, Deputy Secretary }
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The following Representatives being met, Viz^t Noble Wimberly Jones, Archibald Bulloch, and William Young Esquires, for the Town and District of Savannah, James Habersham, Jun^r Esquire, for the Town of Frederica and Parish of Saint James, Edward Barnard and Richard Cunningham Crooke, Esquires, for the Town of Augusta and Parish of Saint Paul, William Ewen, John Adam Treutlen and Stephen Millen, Esquires, for the Town of Ebenezer and Parish of Saint Matthew, Philip Box, Esquire, for the Village of Acton in the Parish of Christ Church, Richard Wyly, Esquire, for the Town of Vernonburgh in the Parish of Christ Church, Benjamin Andrew, and Josiah Powell, Esquires, for Medway and Parish of Saint John, Collin Reddock, Esquire, for Hali-

fax, and Parish of Saint George Samuel Farley, Esquire, for the District of Great Ogechee and Parish of Saint Philip, proved themselves duly qualified to serve as Representatives according to the Terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province Passed the 29th day of June 1761, entitled "an Act to Ascertain "the manner and Form of electing Members to represent "the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House "of Assembly" and then took the Oaths and made and subscribed the Declaration and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took their Seats—

*The Clerk of
the Council
informs the
Members pres-
ent that his
Excellency
would be in the
Council Cham-
ber to Morrow
at 10 of the
Clock and send
them a Message*

The Clerk of the Council by order of his Excellency the Governor, acquainted the Members present that as his Excellency apprehended there might be a thin meeting to day, he would come to the Council Chamber to morrow, at Ten of the Clock in the morning, when he would send them a Message.

And then the Clerk of the Commons House of Assembly at the desire of the Members Present took the Chair, and adjourned them till to morrow morning Ten of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday 24th April 1771

*Several
Members
Qualified*

Jonathan Bryan, Esquire, elected and returned for the Town and District of Savannah, John Rae, Esquire elected and returned for the Town of Augusta, and Parish of Saint Paul, William Wylly, Esquire, elected and returned for Halifax and Parish of Saint George proved themselves duly qualified to serve as Representatives, according to the Terms Prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, and then took the Oaths,

and made and Subscribed the Declaration, and made and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took their Seats—

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Clerk of the Council—

Gentlemen

His Excellency requires the Members to proceed to the Choice of a Speaker

His Excellency the Governor has ordered me to acquaint you That you have his Leave and Direction to Proceed to the Choice of a Speaker—

Mr. Jones Elected Speaker

Then the Members Present Proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and unanimously elected Noble Wimberly Jones, Esquire, to be their Speaker, and he was accordingly conducted to the Chair—

The Committee ordered to attend his Excellency and acquaint him thereof

M^r Bulloch and M^r Crooke, were ordered to attend his Excellency the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Members had unanimously made choice of Noble Wimberly Jones, Esquire, to be their Speaker, and desire to know when they should attend his Excellency to present him, accordingly they withdrew, and being returned, reported, that his Excellency the Governor had been Pleased

Mr. Jones disapproved of by his Excellency

to disapprove of the Choice of Noble Wimberly Jones, Esquire, to be the Speaker, and therefore required they would proceed to the Choice of another Speaker Then the Members Present Proceeded to the Choice of another Speaker and unanimously elected Archibald Bulloch, Esquire, to be their Speaker, and he was accordingly conducted to the Chair

The Members proceed to the Choice of another Speaker and Mr. Bulloch Elected

M^r Crooke and M^r Barnard were ordered to attend his Excellency the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Members present had unanimously elected Archibald Bulloch, Esquire, to be their Speaker, in the room of Noble Wimberly Jones, Esquire, who was rejected by his Ex-

A Committee ordered to attend his Excellency and acquaint him thereof

cellency, and desire to know when they should attend his Excellency to present him, accordingly they withdrew, and being returned, reported, that his Excellency was pleased to say, immediately

Mr. Crooke presented and approved of it.

M^r Crooke and M^r Barnard were appointed a Committee to attend his Excellency with the Speaker elect, and present him for his Excellency's approbation who was pleased to approve of him

Mr. Speaker informed his Excellency, in the Name and behalf of this House forms the House of the requests he had made to his Excellency in their Name and behalf

And then M^r Speaker informed the House he had desired his Excellency, in the Name and behalf of this House that he will be pleased to grant that they may have freedom of Speech, as by right of Custom they used to have, and all their Just Priveleges and Liberties allowed them, and that in any thing he should deliver in the Name of the House, if he committed any mistake it may not be imputed to the House, but that he may resort again to the House for a Declaration of their true Intent and meaning, and that, as often as his Majesty's Service, or the good of the Province, required, he might by Direction of the House, have free Access to his Excellency, To which his Excellency was pleased to Answer, that he will Grant the Assembly every Right and Privelege that they have usually enjoyed, and which he conceives they can justly Claim, and that ^(ste) is in his Power to Grant them, consistant with his Majestys Royal Instructions, And whatever may be delivered in the Name of the House if there is any Mistake in it, he shall have free Liberty to resort to the House and correct or amend such Mistake, and he shall have free Access to him whenever the Publick Business may require it.

His Excellency's Answer

A Message from his Excellency

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Clerk of the Council.

M^r Speaker

I am ordered by his Excellency the Governor to acquaint you that he requires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately

Accordingly M^r Speaker, with the House, went up to attend his Excellency, and being returned, M^r Speaker reported, that he with the House, had attended his Excellency and that he was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Assembly, of which M^r Speaker said he had to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy, which he read to the House, and is as followeth, Viz^t

Honorable Gentlemen

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

[For transcript of Gov^r Speech see Journal of the Upper House 24 Apl 1773]

Savannah in Georgia }
Council Chamber the }
24th April 1771 }

RESOLVED, Nem. Con. That an Humble Address of thanks be presented to his Excellency the Governor for his Speech delivered to both Houses at the opening of the present Sessions to beg his Acceptance of our Gratefull Acknowledgements for the Attention he has been pleased to pay to the united request of both Houses of the late Assembly respecting the Election Bill as at the same time he assures us his Majesty has been graciously pleased to permit him to Assent to an Act for that purpose, but with concern observe, that the material clause for limiting the duration of Assembly is excepted notwithstanding the advanced Season of the year, we shall chearfully proceed to frame all such Bills as to us may appear most conducive to the real interest of our Constitu-

The House at-
tends him in
the Council
Chamber

The Governors
Speech

Resolution of
the House
thereupon

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ents ever keeping in view the great and essential Rights of the People and the Honour and Dignity of the Crown

Committee appointed on the said Resolution

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to his Excellency upon the said Resolution, and a Committee was appointed accordingly— Committee, M^r Crooke, M^r Barnard, M^r Farley, M^r William Young, M^r Ewen, M^r Habersham and M^r Andrew—

ORDERED That his Excellency's Speech be referred to the said Committee

Sir Patrick Houstoun declines taking his Seat

Sir Patrick Houstoun, Baronet, elected and returned one of the Representatives for Darien and Parish of Saint Andrew attended the House & in person declined taking his Seat as a Member of this House, upon account of his private affairs not permitting him to attend.

Jermyn Wright Esqr declines taking his Seat

The Clerk presented to the House a Letter from Jermyn Wright, Esquire, elected and returned for the parish of Saint Thomas directed to him, wherein he sets forth that the Electors for the Parish of Saint Thomas had, unknown to him, elected him to serve as a Representative for that Parish in the Commons House of Assembly, that he acknowledges himself obliged to them for their favour, but that his being at so great a Distance from Savannah, when at his place of Residence, it will by no means be convenient to him to attend the House as a Member, therefore requests the Clerk to acquaint the Gentlemen who do serve, that a Writ may be applied for to chuse another in his Stead—

RESOLVED That as Jermyn Wright, Esquire, was elected a Representative for the Parish of Saint Thomas without his knowledge, and as it appears he cannot conveniently attend his Duty in Assembly that his written excuse be admitted for his not serving—

*Address ordered
to be prepared to be presented to his Excellency requesting he will be pleased to give Orders for issuing two Writs of Election, Viz^t One to elect a Representative for Darien and Parish of Saint Andrew in the room of Sir Patrick Houstoun, Baronet, who has declined taking his Seat as a Member of the House and also another to elect a Representative for the Parish of Saint Thomas, in the room of Jermyn Wright, Esquire, who has likewise declined taking his Seat as a Member of the House.*

ORDERED That M^r Harley and M^r Andrew do wait upon his Excellency the Governor and present the said Address

*Committee of
Priveleges and
Elections ap-
pointed*

ORDERED That a Committee of Priveleges and Elections be appointed, and a Committee was appointed accordingly and they are to meet as often as there is Occasion, and they are to take into Consideration all such Matters as may or shall come in Question touching Returns, Elections and Priveleges, and to proceed upon double Returns in the first place, and to report their proceedings with their Opinions thereupon, to the House from time to time, and all Persons who will question any Returns are to do it within fourteen days next and so within fourteen days next after any new Returns shall be brought in, and the Committee are to have power to send for Persons, papers and Records for their Information, and all Members who are returned for two or more places are to make their Election by this day Week for which of the places they will serve, Provided there be no question upon the Returns for that place, and if any thing shall come in Question touching the Return, Election, or Matter of Privelege, of any Member he is to withdraw during the time the Matter is in Debate, and that all Members returned upon double Returns do withdraw till their Returns are determined.

Committee, M^r Ewen, M^r Crooke, M^r Jones, M^r Bryan
M^r Farley, M^r Richard Wylly and M^r William Young.

Committee be appointed to draw up the Rules of the House

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to draw up standing Rules, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon to the House, and a Committee was appointed accordingly.

Committee, M^r Jones, M^r Farley, M^r Rae, M^r Barnard, and M^r Box.

Committee of Grievances appointed

ORDERED That a Committee of Grievances be appointed and a Committee was appointed accordingly, and they are to sit as often as is necessary, and they are to have power to send for Persons, Papers and Records, for their Information. Committee, M^r Jones, M^r Crooke, M^r Farley, M^r William Young, M^r Habersham, M^r Rae, M^r Andrew, M^r Box, and M^r Ewen.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

. Thursday 25th April 1771

a Member Qualifies

Isaac Young, Esquire, elected and returned for the District of Goshen and Abercorn in the Parish of Saint Matthew proved himself duly qualified to serve as a Representative according to the terms prescribed in and by the Act of the General Assembly, and then took the Oaths and made and Subscribed the Declaration, and made and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took his Seat

RESOLVED That the Rules of the former House of

Assembly (excepting the fifth) shall be the standing Rules of this House till altered by the House

RESOLVED That (instead of the fifth Rule of the former Assembly) not less than fourteen Members and the Speaker shall proceed to any Business except issuing warrants and ordering Letters to be wrote to Members or any other Person that then and in that Case Eight Members and the Speaker shall have full power and authority for these purposes and no other—

**Thomas Lee,
Messenger** RESOLVED That Thomas Lee shall be the Messenger of this House and that he shall have full Power and Authority to execute every Matter and thing as shall be ordered and directed him by the House.

**John Lee, his
Assistant** RESOLVED That John Lee shall be an Assistant to the said Messenger and shall have the same Power and Authority as the Mesenger himself in executing all the Orders and Directions of the House

**Motion for the
thanks of the
House to be
given to N. W.
Jones, Esqr. the
late Speaker** A Motion was made that the House resolve that the thanks of this House be given to Noble Wimberly Jones, Esquire, for his Steady impartial and faithful Discharge of the high and important Office of Speaker of this House for Several Years Past, thoughout the Course of which he distinguished himself in the most Conspicuous Manner and approved himself a Dutifull and loyall Subject to his Majesty and a true lover of his Country by supporting on every Occasion the Honor and Dignity of this House and the Rights and Privileges of the People That the sense and Approbation this House entertains of his Conduct in that Office, and Services to the Publick can never be lessened by an Slight cast on him in opposition to the unanimous Voice of the Commons House of Assembly in particular and the Province in General

A Debate arising on the said Motion

*The Question
put thereon*

The question being put it was Resolved in the Affirmative therefore

*Mr. Jones is
thanked by the
Speaker*

ORDERED That M^r Speaker do give the thanks of this House to Noble Wimberly Jones, Esquire, late Speaker of the Commons House of Assembly agreeable to the foregoing Matter, and M^r Speaker gave him the thanks of the House accordingly—

*Motion on the
disapproving of
Mr. Jones, to be
Speaker of the
House*

A Motion was made, that the House resolve that the rejecting the Speaker, elected by the unanimous Consent of the House, is a high Breach of the Privilege of the House, and tends to subvert the most valuable Rights and Liberties of the People, and their Representatives and the Members being unwilling to delay the necessary Business of the Province (already too much protracted by a hasty Dissolution of the last Assembly) did proceed to the choice of another Member as Speaker, yet do nevertheless declare, that it ought at no time to be admitted as a Precedent—

A Debate arising on the said Motion

*The Question
put thereon*

The Question being put, it was Resolved in the Affirmative

ORDERED That the Clerk do furnish the Printer with a Copy of the Journals of the House and that the same be printed Weekly in the Gazette.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday 26th April 1771

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in an Ordinance for Reappointing Benjamin Franklin, Esquire, Agent to Sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain and that M^r Jones, M^r Bryan, and M^r Farley do prepare and bring in the said Ordinance.

The Address reported and agreed M^r Crooke from the Committee appointed on Wednesday last to draw us an Address to be presented to his Excellency the Governor, reported that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED That the Address be Ingrossed.

The said Address being Ingrossed was read to the House in the words following Viz:

To his Excellency James Wright Esquire, Captain General and Governor in Chief of his Majestys Province of Georgia—

The Address read The Address of the Commons House of Assembly

May it please your Excellency

We his Majestys Dutifull and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Georgia, in General Assembly met return your Excellency our thanks for your Speech delivered to us at the opening of the present Session. We beg your Acceptance of our gratefull Acknowledgements for the attention you have been Pleased to Pay to the united request of both Houses of the late Assembly respecting the

Election Bill, as, at the same time, you assure us his Majesty has been graciously Pleased to Permit you to Assent to an Act for that Purpose but with Concern observe, that the material Clause for limiting the Duration of Assembly is excepted.

Notwithstanding the advanced Season of the Year, We shall chearfully Proceed to frame all such Bills as to us may appear most conducive to the real Interest of our Constituents, ever keeping in View the great and essential Rights of the People, and the Honour and Dignity of the Crown—

ORDERED That M^r Speaker do sign the said Address

RESOLVED That the said Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor by the whole House

ORDERED That M^r Crooke and M^r Barnard do acquaint his Excellency the Governor, that this House, having an Address to Present to his Excellency, desire to know his Pleasure when he will be attended therewith

Leave for the
Militia Bill ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for regulating the Militia and that M^r Farley, M^r Jones, M^r Reddoch, and M^r Box do prepare and bring in the said Bill—

Resolution of a
Tax Bill RESOLVED That a Bill be brought in for granting to his Majesty the Sum of ^(sic) for the use and support of the Government of Georgia for the Year 1771, to be raised at certain Rates, and after the method therein mentioned, and for the more effectual Collecting of Arrears, and that M^r Crooke M^r Habersham M^r William Young, and M^r Box, do prepare and bring in the Same

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to

**Leave for an
Amendment to
the Election
Act**

Amend an Act, Intituled an Act to ascertain the manner and form of electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly, and that M^r Jones, M^r Farley, M^r Andrew, M^r Bryan and M^r William Young do prepare and bring in the Same

**Leave for a
Watch Bill**

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for raising a certain Number of Watchmen for Preserving good order in and about the Town of Savannah, and for defraying the Expence attending the same, and that M^r William Young, M^r Jones, M^r Bryan, and M^r Box, do prepare and bring in the Same

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Clerk of the Council

M^r Speaker

His Excellency the Governor requires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately

Accordingly M^r Speaker, with the whole House went to Attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber, and his Excellency was Pleased to make the following Speech

Viz^t

[For transcript of Gov^{rs} Speech see Journal of the Upper House 26 Apl. 1771.]

**His Excellen-
cy's Speech**

Savannah
Council Chamber
the 26th April 1771.

**He dissolves
the Assembly**

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

The Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia, at the first Meeting of the Eighth General Assembly of the said Province, convened at the Town of Savannah, on Tuesday the

Twenty first day of April in the year of our Lord, One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy two, by his Honour James Habersham Esquire, President and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Province of Georgia, Chancellor Vice Admiral and Ordinary of the Same, for the Time being.

The Clerk of the Council delivered to the Clerk of the Commons House of Assembly, by order of his Honour the President, a Commission, directed to Jonathan Bryan, Noble Wimberly Jones, Archibald Bulloch, and William Young Esquires Elected and returned for the Town and district of Savannah The Clerk of the Council also delivered the Several Writs of Election upon which the Representatives are Elected and returned, together with the Several indentures from the Provost Marshal.

The Clerk of the Commons House of Assembly, after having Examined the Several indentures returned with the Writs of Election, read to the Representatives Present the aforesaid Commission in the Words following, Viz^t

GEORGIA By his Honour James Habersham Esquire, President and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Province of Georgia, Chancellor, Vice Admiral and Ordinary of the Same for the time being—

To Jonathan Bryan, Noble Wimberly Jones, Archibald Bulloch and William Young, Esquires, Greeting—

Whereas his Most Sacred Majesty, in and by his royal Commission to his Truly and Well beloved James Wright Esq^r Captain General and Goverour in Chief in and Over his Majesty's said Province, under the great Seal of Great Britain, hath Amongst other things, directed, that if, up-

on the death or Absence of the said James Wright out of his Majesty's Said Colony of Georgia aforesaid, there be no person Commissionated or appointed by his said Majesty to be his Lieutenant Governour or Commander in Chief of his said Colony, his will and Pleasure is, that the Eldest Counsellor, whose name is first Placed in his Majesty's instructions to the said James Wright, and who shall be, at the time of the said James Wright's death or Absence, residing within his Majesty's said Colony of Georgia, shall take upon him the Administration of the Government, and execute his Majesty's said Commission and instructions, and the Several Powers and Authorities therein contained, in the Same Manner, and to all intents and Purposes, as other his Majesty's Governour or Commander in Chief of his said Colony should or ought to do in Case of the said James Wright's absence until his return, or in all Cases until his Majesty's Pleasure be known therein, And Whereas the said James Wright, with his said Majesty's royal leave and license for that Purpose, is now, and hath been for some time, absent out of his Majesty's said Colony of Georgia and there being no Person commissionated or appointed by his said Majesty to be his Lieutenant Governour or Commander in Chief of his said Colony, the Administration of the Government of the Same, and the execution of his Majesty's said Commission and Instructions hath devolved on me the said James Habersham being the Eldest and first Counsellor named in the said Instructions with the same Power and Authority which the said James Wright, or any other Governor of the Colony of Georgia aforesaid, had or ought to have, until the return of the said James Wright, or until his Majesty's Pleasure be further known And Whereas, Amongst other things in the Commission aforesaid, it is also directed that the Several Persons duly Elected to Serve as Members of the General Assembly of this Province shall, before the Sitting, take the Oaths

mentioned and appointed to be taken by an Act Passed in the first year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George I, Entitled, An Act for the further Security of his Majesty's Person and Government, and the Succession of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princess Sophia, being Protestants, and for Extinguishing the hopes of the Pretended Prince of Wales and his open and Secret Abettors And Whereas the said Act was altered by an Act of the Parliment of Great Britain, made in the Sixth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord the King that now is, Entitled, An Act for altering the Oath of Abjuration, and the Assurance, and for amending so much of an Act of the Seventh year of her late Majesty Queen Anne, Entitled, An Act for the Improvement of the Union of the Two Kingdoms, as, after the time herein limited, requires the Delivery of certain Lists and Copies therein mentioned to Persons indicted of high Treason, or Misprison of Treason, And Whereas the said Persons so Elected are required also to make and Subscribe the declaration mentioned in an Act of Parliment made in the Twenty fifth year of the Reign of King Charles II, Entitled, An Act for preventing dangers which may happen from Popish Recusants, which said Oaths (in the form Prescribed by the Act of Parliment last above mentioned) and the declaration aforesaid. I am fully Authorized and Empowered to commissionate fit persons, under the Seal of the Province aforesaid, to tender and Administer to the said Several Persons so Elected, And it is by his Majesty's royal Commission and Instructions declared, that, until the Same be so taken and Subscribed, no Person shall be capable of Sitting though Elected, I therefore, reposing Special Trust and Confidence in the integrity, care and circumpception of you the said Jonathan Bryan, Noble Wimberly Jones, Archibald Bulloch, and William Young have commissionated, and appointed and by Virtue and pursuant to the Powers vested in me as aforesaid,

do give unto you, or any two or more of you, full Power and Authority to tender and Administer the Oaths in the last mentioned Acts of Parliment contained, and also the declaration above mentioned, unto the Several Persons Elected, or that may hereafter be Elected to serve as Members of the said General Assembly, and to see them Subscribe Severally the said declaration when and so often as the Same shall be requisite and necessary to be done, and you the said Jonathan Bryan Noble Wimberly Jones Archibald Bulloch and William Young are hereby required to make a due return of your Proceeding, by Virtue of this Commission from time to time unto me under your hands and Seals, with the names of Such Members as have been duly Qualified before you as aforesaid, this Commission to Continue during Pleasure.

Given under my hand, and the great Seal of his Majesty's said Province of Georgia the Twenty first day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy two, And in the Twelfth year of the Reign of his Majesty King George the third

JAMES HABERSHAM

Secretary's Office

By his Honour's Command

Thomas Moodie. Dep. Sec.

A Message from his Honour the President by the Clerk of the Council.

Gentlemen

His Honour the President and Commander in Chief of this Province, commands me to acquaint you, that he has sent down the Writs of Election, returned by Provost Marshal, also a Commission to tender and Administer the Oath and declaration appointed by Acts of Parliment

to be taken and Subscribed by Persons Elected to Serve as Members of the General Assembly, which, when you have so done you have Leave and direction to Proceed to the Choice of a Speaker.

The Following Representatives being met viz^t Jonathan Bryan, Noble Wimberly Jones, and William Young Esq^{rs} for the town and district of Savannah, Nathaniel Hall Esq^r for the Parish of S^t George, David Zubly Esq^r for the Village of Acton: Benjamin Andrew, John Stevens and Audley Maxwell Esq^{rs} for Midway and Parish of S^t John, Peter Sallens Esq^r for the Parish of S^t Patrick, Edward Barnard, Alexander Inglis, and Thomas Shruder Esq^{rs} for Augusta and Parish of S^t Paul, Thomas Carter Esq^r for the Parish of S^t David, Henry Bourquin Esq^r for the district of Little Ogechee, in the Parish of Christ Church William Ewen, Stephen Millen and John Stirk Esq^r for the Town and district of Ebenezer in the Parish of S^t Matthew, Samuel Farley Esq^r for the Islands of Wilmington, Tybee, Skidoway, and green Island, in the Parish of Christ Church, James Spalding Esq^r for the Parish of S^t James, William Le Conte and Jonathan Cochran Esq^{rs} for the Parish of S^t Philip: proved themselves duly Qualified to Serve as Representatives, according to the terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, Passed the 29th day of June 1761. Entitled, An Act to ascertain the Manner and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly, and then took the Oaths, and made and Subscribed the declaration, and took and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and then took their Seats—

The House, in Consequence of his Honour's Message, Proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker and Unanimously chose Noble Wimberly Jones Esquire—

ORDERED That M^r William Young and M^r Le Conte do acquaint his Honour they had Accordingly proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker, and were desired to know when he will be Pleased the House shall Attend him to Present their Speaker for his Approbation

M^r Young and M^r Le Conte withdrew, and being returned M^r Young reported, that they had accordingly waited on his Honour and that he was Pleased to Say, that he should be in the Council Chamber at five of the Clock in the Afternoon, and would then Send them an answer—

Archibald Bulloch Esqr Elected and returned for the Town and district of Savannah Proved himself duly Qualified to Serve as a Representative, according to the Terms Prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, and then took the Oaths, and made and Subscribed the declaration, and made and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took his Seat—

A Message from his Honour the President by the Clerk of the Council—

His Honour the President is now ready to receive any of the Gentlemen the Members do think proper to appoint to give them his Answer—

ORDERED That M^r Barnard and M^r Bulloch do wait on his Honour for his Answer—

M^r Barnard and M^r Bulloch accordingly withdrew, and being returned M^r Barnard reported, that they had, Agreeable to order, waited on his Honour, and he was Pleased to say, that he had it in Express command from his Majesty to Put a Negative on the Speaker, and that his Honour did Accordingly do so: and they then in-

formed the Members, that they had his Honour's Leave to proceed Again to the Choice of another Speaker

The House accordingly proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker, and Noble Wimberly Jones Esq^r being again Chosen—

ORDERED That M^r Bulloch and M^r Farley do wait on his Honour, and do acquaint him, that the Members had rechosen Noble Wimberly Jones Esq^r to be their Speaker, and Accordingly they withdrew, and being returned, they informed the Members, that they had, agreeable to order waited on his Honour, and that he was Pleased to say, that he had no Personal Objection to the Gentleman Chosen, but that he had it in Express command from his Majesty to disapprove of him, and that he again rejected him—

A Message from his Honour the President by the Clerk of the Council—

Gentlemen

You have his Honour the President's Permission to Proceed to the Choice of another Speaker The Clerk of the Commons House of Assembly, at the desire of the Members Present, took the Chair and adjourned them until to morrow Morning ten of the Clock—

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday 22^d April

The Members met according to adjournment, and Proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker, and did unanimously Chuse Noble Wimberly Jones Esq^r who Observed, that he had for a long time Past in former Assemblies with great inconveniency to his Private business, filled that

Office, but, as it would now be so Extremely Burthen-some to him, he had intended to decline Accepting it if offered again, and therefore, for reasons mentioned, with many thanks to the Gentlemen for the honour done him does decline accepting of the Chair— The Members Present then Proceeded to the Choice of another Speaker and Unanimously Chose Archibald Bulloch Esq^r to be their Speaker

ORDERED That M^r Le Conte and M^r Farley do wait on his Honour and do Acquaint him that the Members had proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker, and desired to know when he will be Pleased that they shall attend his Honour in Order to Present him—

M^r Le Conte and M^r Farley withdrew accordingly, and being returned, reported, that they Agreeable to order, waited on his Honour, and that he was Pleased to Say immediately—

The Members present accordingly Attended his Honour the President with the Speaker Elect, for his Honour's Approbation, who was Pleased to approve of him— And then M^r Speaker informed the House, that he had desired his Honour, in the name and behalf of the House, that he would be Pleased to grant that they may have freedom of Speech, as by right and of Custom they used to have, and all their Just Privileges and Liberties, and that in any thing he should deliver in the Name of the House, if he committed any Mistake, it may not be imputed to the House, but that he might resort again to the House for a declaration of their true intent and Meaning: to which his Honour was Pleased to answer, that he will grant the Assembly every Right and Privilege that they usually enjoyed and which he conceives they can Justly Claim—

A Message from his Honour the President by the Clerk
of the Council—

M^r Speaker,

I am ordered by his Honour the President to acquaint
you that he requires the Attendance of this House in the
Council Chamber immediately—

Accordingly M^r Speaker, with the House, went up to
Attend his Honour, and, being returned M^r Speaker Re-
ported, that he, with the House had Attended his Honour,
and that he was Pleased to make a Speech to both Houses,
of which M^r Speaker said he had, for fear of Mistakes,
Obtained a Copy, which he read to the House, and is as
followeth viz^t

[For transcript of Speech see Journal of the Upper
House 22 April 1772]

Savannah in Georgia—

Council Chamber the 22^d April 1772

RESOLVED, nem, con, That an humble address be pre-
sented to his Honour the President for his Speech deliv-
ered to both Houses at the Opening of the Present Ses-
sion: That we thank him for his warm expressions of
Attachment and good disposition towards the Province,
and readily Perswade ourselves that the trust reposed in
him by his Majesty, his long residence amongst us, and
Anxiety for our Prosperity, will point out to his Honour
the most Salutary Steps necessary to be Pursued at this
important juncture, and are truly Sensible of the detri-
ment that must Arise to our Private Affairs on Account of
Meeting at this inconvenient Season, and nothing but the
Welfare of our Constituents could induce us to Neglect
our Private Concerns at this time, added to the Necessity
we See of Proceeding upon Business, and Supporting the

Publick faith, we shall therefore endeavour to avoid every impediment that can Possibly arise to Obstruct those desirable ends, and Postpone every Matter which shall not appear immediately necessary. We also Observe with Pleasure the Account his Honour has received of Satisfaction being Obtained of the Creek Indians for the Murder committed by one of their People at Queenborough a Circumstance which shews their Peaceable disposition towards us, and when a State of the Public debts shall be laid before us we shall readily take into our Serious Consideration what his Honour was pleased to recommend respecting them—

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address to be Presented to his Honour upon the said Resolution, and a Committee was appointed Accordingly.

ORDERED That his Honour's Speech be referred to the said Committee

RESOLVED That the Minutes of this House be inserted weekly in the Gazette

ORDERED That a Committee of Privileges and Elections be appointed and a Committee was appointed Accordingly, and they are to meet as often as there is Occasion, and they are to take into Consideration all such Matters as may or shall come in question touching returns, Elections, and Privileges, and to Proceed upon double returns in the first Place and to refer their proceeding, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House, from time to time: and all Persons who will Question any returns are to do it within fourteen days next, and so within fourteen days next after any new return shall be brought in: and the Committee are to have Power to send for Persons, Papers, and Records, for their Information: and all Members who are returned for two or

more Places are to make their Election by this day Week for which of the Places they will Serve, Provided there be no Question upon the return for that Place: and if any thing shall come in Question touching the return, Election or matter of Privilege, of any Member, he is to withdraw during the time the Matter is in debate, and that all Members returned upon double returns to withdraw till their returns are determined, Committed to M^r Hall, M^r Le Conte M^r Jones, M^r William Young M^r Cochran M^r Bryan M^r Farley M^r Inglis and M^r Carter—

RESOLVED That the rules of the former House of Assembly (excepting the fifth) shall be the Standing rules of this House until altered—

RESOLVED That (instead of the fifth rule of the former Assembly) not less than Eighteen Members and the Speaker shall Proceed to any business except issuing warrants and ordering Letters to be wrote to members, or any other Person, that then and in that Case eight Members and the Speaker shall have full Power and authority for these Purposes, and no other

RESOLVED That this House will attend M^r Speaker to divine Service on Sunday next—

ORDERED That M^r Hall and M^r Inglis do wait on the Rev M^r Lowten, and Acquaint him therewith— And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday 24th April

The House met according to Adjournment, and adjourned till to Morrow Morning, nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday 24th April

George Baillie Esq^r Elected for the Parish of S^t Thomas, and on a double return for the Town of Vernonburgh, in the Parish of Christ Church Attended, and declined Serving for the said Parish of S^t Thomas and chose to abide by the determination upon the double return for Vernonburgh—

RESOLVED That an Address be presented to his Honour the President requesting he will be pleased to order a Writ to be issued for electing a Member for the Parish of S^t Thomas, in the room of George Baillie, Esq^r who being returned for the said Parish and also on a double return for the town of Vernonburgh, in the Parish of Christ Church, chose to decline Serving for the said Parish of S^t Thomas.

George Mackintosh Esq^r Elected and returned for the Parish of S^t Andrew, proved himself duly Qualified to Serve as a Representative according to the Terms Prescribed in and by an Act of the general Assembly of this Province, and then took the Oaths, and made and Subscribed the declaration, and made and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and then took his Seat—

M^r Speaker received a Letter from John Thomas Esq^r Elected for the Parish of S^t George, Setting forth, that being elected contrary to his inclination, begged to be excused Serving, as it would be highly injurious to his Private interest—

RESOLVED That the said excuse be admitted, it appearing that he was Elected contrary to his inclination

RESOLVED That an Address be presented to his Hon-

our the President requesting that he will be pleased to order a Writ to be issued for Electing a Member for the Parish of St George, in the room of John Thomas Esq^r who has declined Serving—

M^r Hall from the Committee appointed to wait on the Rev: M^r Lowten, Reported they had accordingly called at his house, and were informed that he was out of town, and that they had left a Note to inform him of the Same.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a bill to continue the Several Laws that are near Expiring, Committed to M^r Farley M^r Andrew and M^r William Young.

A Message from his Honour the President by the Clerk of the Council

M^r Speaker.

His Honour the President commands the Attendance of your Clerk with the Journals of this House in the Council Chamber immediately

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning, nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Saturday. 25th April

M^r Barnard from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to be Presented to his Honour the President, Reported, that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, and was ready to make their Report when the House Please to receive the Same—

RESOLVED That the Committee have leave to make their Report

M^r Barnard accordingly read the Same in his place, which was approved of, and is as follow's

To his Honour James Habersham Esq^r President and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Province of Georgia, Chancellor, Vice Admiral, and Ordinary of the Same—

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly.

May it please your Honour

We his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons of Georgia in General Assembly met, return your Honour our Sincere thanks for your Speech delivered to us at the Opening of the Session

We thank you Sir, for your warm expressions of Attachment and good disposition towards the Province, and we readily perswade ourselves that the trust reposed in you by his Majesty, your long residence amongst us, and anxiety for our prosperity, will point out to your Honour the most Salutary Steps necessary to be pursued at this Important juncture—

We are Truly Sensible of the detriment that must arise to our private affairs on Account of Meeting at this inconvenient Season, and nothing but the Welfare of our Constituents could induce us to Neglect our private Concerns at this time, added to the Necessity we See of proceeding upon business and Supporting the publick faith we shall therefore endeavour to avoid every impediment that can possibly arise to Obstruct these desirable ends and postpone every matter that shall not appear immediately necessary, we Observe with pleasure the Account your Honour hath received of the Satisfaction being Obtained from the Creek Indians for the Murder committed

by one of their people at Queensborough a Circumstance which shews their peaceable disposition towards us—

When a State of the publick debts shall be laid before us we will readily take into our Serious Consideration what your Honour is pleased to recommend respecting them.

ORDERED That M^r Speaker do sign the said Address

ORDERED That M^r Young and M^r Hall do wait on his Honour the President to know when he will be pleased to receive the above Address

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in an ordinance to appoint Benjamin Franklin Esq^r Agent to Solicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain Committed to M^r Jones and M^r Le Conte.

ORDERED That all persons having any demands against the publick do deliver their Accounts immediately, properly attested, to the Clerk of this House—

ORDERED That notice thereof be published in the Gazette—

A Message from his Honour the President by the Clerk of the Council—

Council Chamber, 25th April, 1772

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

I am Extremely Sorry to find by your journals that some very Exceptionable Minutes are entered I particularly mean your third Choice of Noble Wimberly Jones Esq^r as your Speaker, upon whom I had, Agreeable to his Majesty's express directions, twice put a Negative, and that your Choice of your present Speaker was only

in Consequence of his declining the Chair, if this Minute is to Stand upon your Journals, I have no Choice left but to Proceed to an immediate dissolution, I therefore desire you will Come to a Present and Speedy determination to recede from it, if you do, I shall with the most unfeigned Satisfaction proceed to Business which you cannot but be Sensible will be of the highest Advantage to the Province, I shall expect your immediate answer to this Message, that my conduct may be regulated by it, and shall for that purpose remain in the Council Chamber.

JAMES HABERSHAM

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to Consider of an answer to the said Message, and, M^r Speaker having resumed the Chair M^r Ewen from the Committee Reported, that it was the Opinion of the said Committee that a Committee be appointed to draw up an address in Answer to his Honour the President, and that a Message be sent to Acquaint his Honour thereof—

ORDERED That M^r Le Conte M^r Bryan M^r Farley M^r Inglis and M^r Jones, be a Committee to prepare the Same

ORDERED That M^r Inglis and M^r Spalding do carry the following Message to his Honour the President—

May it Please Your Honour

This House having taking into the Consideration your Message of this day have appointed a Committee to meet this Afternoon to draw up an Address in answer thereto, which they doubt not will be Satisfactory.

They accordingly withdrew, and, being returned, M^r Inglis Reported that they had waited on his Honour the President, and he was Pleased to say he would be in the

Council Chamber at Six O'Clock in the afternoon to receive their Answer—

And then the House Adjourned until five of the Clock afternoon

M^r Farley from the Committee appointed to draw up an address in answer to his Honour the President's Message, Reported, that they had agreeable to order, Prepared the same, and was ready to make their Report when the House Please to receive the Same—

RESOLVED That the Committee have leave to make their Report—

M^r Farley accordingly read the said Address in his Place, which was approved of, and is as follows—

To His Honour James Habersham Esq^r President and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Province of Georgia, Chancellor, Vice Admiral, and Ordinary of the Same

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly

May it please your Honour

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Georgia in General Assembly met, are very unhappy to find, by your Message to us of this day, that any Minutes entered in our Journals should be construed by your Honour in a manner so very different from the true intent and design of this House. Conscious we are Sir, that our third Choice of Noble Wimberly Jones Esq^r, as our Speaker, was not in the least meant as disrespectful to his Majesty or you his Representative, nor thereby

did we mean in infringe on the just Prerogative of the Crown, We have Seriously reconsidered that particular Minute which Seems to have given your Honour so much Offence, and cannot Perceive wherein it is contrary to the Strict mode of Parliamentary Proceeding, or repugnant to any thing communicated to us by your Honour, We were hopefull that no further impediment would have arisen to retard the urgent business of the Publick, and Still flatter ourselves that we may be Permitted to do that Justice to our Constituents which they have a Right to expect from us, and we do Sincerely assure your Honour that it is our hearty wish and desire to finish the Business recommended to us by you with all harmony and dispatch—

ORDERED That M^r Speaker do sign the said Address

ORDERED That M^r Cochran and M^r Farley do wait on his Honour the President to know when he will be Attended therewith—

They Accordingly withdrew, and being returned M^r Farley Reported, that they had waited on his Honour and he was Pleased to say he would Let the house know in a few Minutes—

Motion being made, that this House do Pass a vote of Credit, in order to Establish a Watch in the town of Savannah, as a means to Protect ^(sic) from the danger of fire, and other unhappy Consequences that May happen to the Province in General from the want of such a Watch, a debate arising thereon, the House divided, and it Passed in the Negative—

A Message from his Honour the President by the Clerk of the Council

M^r Speaker

His Honour the President desires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately.

Accordingly M^r Speaker with the house Attended his Honour the President, and being returned M^r Speaker reported, that he had Accordingly with the House waited on his Honour and did deliver the Address, and then M^r Speaker with the House withdrew—

A Message from his Honour the President by the Clerk of the Council

M^r Speaker

His Honour the President desires the Attendance of this House immediately

Accordingly M^r Speaker with the whole House, went to attend his Honour in the Council Chamber and his Honour was Pleased to Dissolve the general Assembly—

Examined & Compared with the Original.

RICH^d CUN^{gm} CROOKE C. D. C.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

The Journal of the proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia, at the first Meeting of the Eighth General Assembly of the said Province, convened at the Town of Savannah, on Wednesday the Ninth Day of December, in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven Hundred and Seventy Two, by His Honour James Habersham, Esquire, President and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Province of Georgia, Chancellor, Vice Admiral, and Ordinary of the same, for the time being

The Clerk of the Council delivered to the Clerk of the Commons House of Assembly, by Order of his Honour the President, a commission, directed to Jonathan Bryan, Noble Wimberly Jones, Archibald Bulloch, and William Young, Esquires, Elected and returned for the Town and district of Savannah, the Clerk of the Council also delivered the Several Writs of election upon which the representatives are elected and returned, together with the Several Indentures from the Provost Marshal—

The Clerk of the Commons House of Assembly, after having examined the several Indentures returned with the Writs of election, read to the representatives present the aforesaid Commission in the Words following, Viz—

[For transcript of Commission see ante Minutes of Commons House 21st April 1772.]

[This ends thus:—]

Given under my Hand and the great Seal of his Majesty's said Province of Georgia the Ninth day of December, in the Year of our Lord, one thousand seven Hundred and seventy Two, and in the thirteenth Year of his Majesty King George the Third

(L. S.)

JAMES HABERSHAM

Secretarys Office.

By his Honour's Command

Thomas Moodie Dep. Sec.

The following Representatives being met, Viz. Jonathan Bryan, Noble Wimberly Jones, Archibald Bulloch, and William Young, Esquires, for the Town and district of Savannah. David Zubly, Esquire, for the Village of

Acton; John Jamieson, Esquire, for the Town of Vernonburg, in the Parish of Christ Church; Henry Yonge, Esquire, for the Islands of Wilmington, Skidaway, and Green Island, in the Parish of Christ Church; Henry Bourquin, Esquire for the district of Little Ogeechee in the Parish of Christ Church, William Le Conte, and John Baker, Esquires, for the Parish of Saint Philip, John Stirk, Esquire, for the Town and district of Ebenezer, in the Parish of Saint Matthew, Benjamin Andrew, Josiah Powell, and Audley Maxwell, Esquires, for Midway and Parish of Saint John; Sir Patrick Houstoun, Bart. and Thomas Young, Esquire, for Darien and Parish of Saint Andrew; William Jones, and John Simpson, Esquires, for the Parish of Saint George; James Houstoun, Esquire, for the parish of Saint James; Edward Barnard, Thomas Shruder, and Thomas Netherclift, Esquires, for Augusta and Parish of Saint Paul; Francis Brown, Esquire, for the Parish of Saint Patrick; proved themselves duly qualified to serve as representatives, according to the terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, passed the 29th day of June 1761, entitled an Act to ascertain the Manner and form of electing Members, to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly, and then took the Oaths, and made and Subscribed the declaration, and took and Subscribed the Oath of abjuration, and then took their Seats.

A Message from his Honor the president by the Clerk of the Council.

Gentlemen,

His Honour has directed me to deliver you the several Writs of election which have been Issued for calling you together, and the returns thereon made by the Provost Marshal; also a commission empowering and requiring

Noble Wimberly Jones, Jonathan Bryan, Archibald Bulloch, and William Young, Esquires, to qualify the Members who have been elected, by Administering the State Oaths &c and, when that is done, the House have his Honour's permission and direction to proceed to the choice of a Speaker—

9th December 1772

ALEX. WILLY, C: C.

In Consequence of his Honours Message the Members present proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and Sir Patrick Houstoun, Bart and Noble Wimberly Jones, Esquires, being Nominated, the Majority of Votes appearing in favour of Noble Wimberly Jones, Esquire.

RESOLVED That Noble Wimberly Jones Esq^r be speaker and he was Accordingly conducted to the Chair

And then the Speaker Elect, at the desire of the Members present, adjourned them untill tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday December 10, 1772

The House met according to Adjournment.

Stephen Millen, Esquire elected and returned for the Town and district of Ebenezer, in the parish of Saint Matthew, proved himself duly qualified to serve as a representative, According to the terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, passed the 29th day of June 1761, entitled an Act to Ascertain the Manner and form of electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the commons House of Assembly, and then took the Oaths, and made and

Subscribed the declaration, and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took his seat as a Member of this House.

Noble Wimberly Jones, Esquire, having been elected Speaker, observed That this repeated Mark of approbation from the representatives of the Province in General Assembly gives him the highest pleasure, beyond what he is able to express, and is certain far exceeds his Abilities to merit, and, if he has any claim thereto, it must proceed from his integrity of heart, and resolution to support the Liberties of his fellow Subjects, that can in the least entitle him to it, and though this Instance would oblige him in gratitude to do all in his power that the Province could request, yet, as it would so very much interfere with his private business, he trusts that the Gentlemen will at this time indulge him in resigning the high office which they have conferred upon him, but may depend on his best endeavours in every other duty as a Member of the House.

The Members Present then Proceeded to the choice of another Speaker and Sir Patrick Houstoun, Bart and William Young, Esquire, being Nominated, and the majority of Votes appeared in favor of William Young Esquire.

RESOLVED, that William Young, Esquire, be Speaker and he was accordingly conducted to the Chair

ORDERED That M^r Simpson and M^r Thomas Young do wait on his Honour the President and Acquaint him, that the Members had proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and desire to know when they shall attend his Honour to Present him—

Accordingly they withdrew, and being returned reported, that his Honour was pleased to say that he would be in the Council Chamber at four of the Clock this afternoon to receive the House with their Speaker—

RESOLVED that Peter Tondee be Messenger and Adam Irick Door keeper of this House—

And then the Speaker Elect, at the desire of the Members Present adjourned them untill half an hour after three of the Clock afternoon—

A Message from his Honor the President by the Clerk of Council

Gentlemen

His Honour the President desires the Attendance of this House, and is ready to receive the House, and is ready to receive the House in the Council Chamber immediately with their Speaker.

M^r Speaker with the House accordingly attended his Honour the President and being Returned. M^r Speaker informed the House, that he had desired his Honour would be pleased to grant that the Commons House of Assembly may have freedom of Speech as by right and custom they have used, and all their ancient and just Privilege and Liberties allowed to them, and that, in any thing he may deliver in the Name of the House, if he should commit any mistake; it may not be imputed to the House, but that he may resort again to the House for a true declaration of their intent, and meaning; and that, as often as Necessity for his Majesty's Service and the good of the Province shall require, he may, by direction of the House, have free Access to his Honour. To which his Honour was pleased to Answer, that he would grant the Assembly every Right and priviledge that they usu-

ally enjoyed, and which was in his power to grant them; and that, whenever the Publick business should require, he should have free Access to his person.

A Message from his Honour the President by the Clerk of the Council.

M^r Speaker

I am ordered by his Honour the President to Acquaint you that he requires the attendance of the House in the Council Chamber immediately—

Accordingly M^r Speaker, with the House, attended his Honour, and being returned, M^r Speaker reported, that he, with the House, had Accordingly attended his Honour, who was pleased to make a speech to both Houses, of which M^r Speaker said he had, for fear of Mistakes Obtain'd a Copy, which he read to the House, and is as followeth, Viz^t

[For transcript of Speech see Minutes of Upper House 10 Dec. 1772]

Savannah in Georgia council
Chamber, the 10th December 1772.

And then the House adjourned till nine
of the Clock tomorrow Morning.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday December 11, 1772

The House met according to adjournment

RESOLVED that not less than Eighteen Members and the

Speaker, shall proceed to any business except Issuing Warrants and ordering letters to be Wrote to Members, or any other person, that then and in that case, eight Members and the Speaker shall have full power and authority for these purposes, and no other.

RESOLVED, nem, con, that an humble address of thanks be presented to his Honour the President for his speech delivered at the opening of the Session; that we are truly Sensible of the Necessity of immediately entring upon publick business: that we observe with pleasure the progress of this colony towards wealth and importance, and to thank his Honour for his repeated Assurances to promote its Interest and prosperity: to permit us to declare that we meet him (as the representatives of a free and truly loyal people) with hearts disposed to prove their duty to their Sovereign, and regard to the interest of this his province which we will endeavour to manifest by a close application to the important matters by his Honour recommended to our consideration: that we are Sorry to observe that from the Accounts he has received from the Treasurer, there should be any deficiency in the tax collection for some time past, which plainly points out the Necessity of an enquiry therein; and that he may be assured that the publick certificates now circulating will be an object of our attention: that we will not fail to take under our consideration the state of the publick Goal in Savannah, and also that of fort George on the Island of Cockspur, and the continuing and making such Laws as shall appear Necessary for the good of the Province: that when a State of the publick Accounts are laid before us we will Seriously consider what his Honour recommends respecting them

ORDERED That a committee be appointed to draw up

an address to be presented to his Honour the President upon the said resolution, and a committee was appointed Accordingly

ORDERED That his Honour's Speech be refered to the said Committee.

ORDERED, that a Committee of priviledges and elections being appointed and a committee was appointed Accordingly, and they are to meet as often as there is Occasion, and they are to take into consideration all such matters as may or shall come in question touching returns, elections, and priviledges, and to proceed upon double returns in the first place, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House, from time to time; and all persons who will question any returns are to do it within fourteen Days next and so within fourteen Days next after any new return shall be brought in; and the committee are to have power to send for persons, papers, and records, for their information; and Members who are returned for two or more places are to make their election by this day Week for which of the places they will serve, provided there be no question upon the return for that Place: and if any thing shall come in question touching the return, election or matter of priviledge, of any Member he is to withdraw during the time the matter is in debate; and that all Members returned upon double returns do withdraw till their returnes be determined Committed to D^r Jones, M^r Simpson, Sir Patrick Houstoun, M^r Andrew, M^r Le Conte, M^r Netherclift, and M^r William Jones.

RESOLVED That this House will attend M^r Speaker to divine Service on Sunday next.

ORDERED, that M^r Simpson and M^r Tho^s Young do wait on the Rev. M^r Lowten and Acquaint him there-

with, Accordingly they withdrew, and being returned, M^r Simpson reported, that they had Waited on the Rev: M^r Lowten, who was pleased to say that he would prepare a Sermon Accordingly

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend an act, entitled, an Act, to ascertain the manner and form of electing Members to represent the inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly, committed to D^r Jones, M^r Barnard, M^r Shruder, D^r Houstoun, and M^r Tho^s Young.

M^r Jones, presented to the House the Petition of Samuel Farley, Esq^r Sitting forth, That, at an election, held on the Island of Burnpot, on Monday the sixteenth day of November last, for one Member to represent the district of that part of the Parish of Christ Church commonly called the Sea Islands, Henry Yonge, Ju^r Esq^r and the petitioner were Nominated candidates, who having taken the Oath prescribed by an Act of this Province, Several freeholders residing in the said district presented themselves to the returning officer, and requested their Votes might be taken and entered on the poll for the Petitioner, but the returning officer, notwithstanding the said freeholders were willing to take the Oath agreeable to the election Law, did absolutely refuse to receive them unless they would be qualified by an Oath he at the same time tendered differing from that directed by the said Act, in manifest breach of the known rights and privileges of election. And the petitioner further sheweth, That, by reason of the refusal and non acceptance of the said Voters in his favour, the Number entered on the poll for the other candidate appears to exceed that of the petitioner, who therefore prays this Honorable House will take the premisses into consideration, and grant such

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relief therein as to its Wisdom shall seem meet and the petitioner shall pray. &c

SAMUEL FARLEY

December 11th 1772

ORDERED, That the said petition be referred to the committee of privileges and elections

M^r Speaker received a Letter from Joseph Law Esquire Elected and returned for the Parish of Saint Mary, which being read,

RESOLVED that the same shall not be Admitted as a sufficient excuse for his declining

ORDERED that the Clerk do wright to Joseph Law, Esq^r to acquaint him that this House requires his attendance in person to declare his Intention.

ORDERED that a committee be appointed to enquire into such Laws that have expired, or are near expiring, and also such laws as require amending and continuing, and report their Oppinion thereon to the House, committed to M^r Shruder M^r Stirk, M^r Baker, M^r Jamieson, D^r Jones, Sir Patrick Houstoun, and D^r Houstoun.

ORDERED, that the Clerk do wright to the absent Members to require their attendance immediately

RESOLVED that an Address be presented to his Honour the president, requesting that he will be pleased to Order a Writ to be issued for electing a Member in the room of John Baker, Esq^r elected and returned for the Parish of Saint Philip, and likewise for the Parish of Saint Thomas, who made his election for the said Parish of Saint Philip

ORDERED that M^r Le Conte, and M^r Andrew do wait on his Honour the president and present the same

Motion being made, that this House do pass a Vote of Credit to enable and empower the Treasurer to issue a Sum of Money, to pay a guard of Six men, to be established for one Month during the time of Christmas hollidays for the protection of the publick offices and records of this Province, and the question being put, it passed in the Negative

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow Morning, nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Saturday Decem^r 12th 1772

The House met according to adjournment and then Adjourned till Monday Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Commons House of Assembly, Monday Dec^r 14th 1772

The House met according to Adjournment.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of this House be inserted weekly in the Gazette

RESOLVED. That the yeas and Nays be likewise inserted either when the Members who make the Motion, or the Majority of the Members present, shall think proper

M^r Speaker informed the House, that he, with the House, did attend devine Service Yesterday, agreeable to a resolution of the House, and that the Rev: M^r

Lowten did Accordingly make a very Suitable discourse upon the Occasion.

RESOLVED that the thanks of this House be given to the Rev: M^r Lowten for his discourse delivered Yesterday

ORDERED that M^r Thomas Young, and M^r Netherclift do acquaint him therewith

M^r Simpson, from the committee appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to his Honour the president reported that the committee had drawn up an address Accordingly, and were ready to make their report when the House please to receive the same

RESOLVED that the committee have leave to make their report

M^r Simpson Accordingly read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House

The House resolved itself into a committee accordingly, and after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Barnard, from the Committee, reported they had taken the said Address into consideration, and made several Amendments thereto, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered the address, with the amendments, in at the Table. Where the amendments were again read and agreed to by the House, nem, con.

ORDERED that the address with the amendments, be engrossed

The said Address being engrossed was read to the House in the Words following Viz:

GEORGIA

To his Honour James Habersham, Esquire President and commander in Chief of his Majesty's said Province, Chancellor, Vice Admiral, and Ordinary of the same

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly.

May it please your Honour

We his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Georgia, in General assembly met, return your Honour our sincere thanks for your affectionate Speech delivered at the Opening of the Session.

We are truly sensible of the Necessity of immediately entering upon publick business We observe with pleasure the progress of this Colony towards wealth and importance, and thank your Honour for your repeated Assurances to promote its interest and prosperity, permit us to declare, that we meet you (as the representatives of a free and truly Loyal people) with hearts disposed to prove our duty to our Sovereign, and regard to the interest of this his Province, which we will endeavour to manifest by a close application to the important Matters by your Honour recommended to our consideration

We are sorry to observe that, from the Accounts you have received from the Treasurer, there should be any deficiency in the tax collected for some years past, which plainly points out the necessity of an enquiry therein, and you may be assured That the publick certificates now circulating will be an object of our attention

We will not fail to take under our consideration the state of the publick Goal in Savannah, and also that of Fort George on the Island of Cockspur, and the continuing and making such laws as shall appear Necessary for the good of the Province

When a state of the publick Accounts is laid before us we will Seriously consider what your Honour recommends respecting them

ORDERED that M^r Speaker do sign the same

RESOLVED that the said address be presented to his Honour the president by the whole House

ORDERED that Sir Patrick Houstoun, and M^r Barnard, do know his Honour the presidents pleasure when he will be attended by this House

Accordingly they withdrew, and being returned, reported, that they had attended his Honour and that he was pleased to say he would be ready to receive the House in half an hour

M^r Speaker with the House accordingly went to attend his Honour to present the Address of this House, and being returned, reported, that he, with the House had attended his Honour and presented their Address, to which his Honour was pleased to give the following answer Viz.

M^r Speaker and Gentl^m of the Assembly

Accept of my hearty thanks for this Address the assurance you give me for making the important Matters I have recommended an Imediate object of your consideration must be highly pleasing to me; and as it is my duty, I can with truth say that my inclination coincides

to do every thing in my power to make the inhabitants of this Province an happy and flourishing people

JAMES HABERSHAM

Savannah 14th Decr 1772

ORDERED that the Clerk do furnish the Printer with a Copy of the address of this House to his Honour the president, and also with a Copy of his Honours answer, and that the same be Inserted in the Next Gazette.

And then the House adjourned till to-morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday 15th December 1772

The House met According to adjournment

Thomas Carter, Esq^r elected and returned for the Parish of Saint David, and Joseph Law, Esq^r for the Parish of Saint Mary, proved themselves duly qualified to serve as representatives, According to the terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province passed the 29th day of June 1761, entitled, an Act to ascertain the Manner and form of electing Members to represent the inhabitants of this Province in the commons House of Assembly, and then took the Oaths; and made and Subscribed the declaration, and took and subscribed the Oath of abjuration, and then took their seats.

Motion being made that leave be given to bring in a Bill for the preservation of Deer and to prevent the Mischiefs arrising from the practice of hunting and killing Deer by Night, a debate arising thereon, the

House divided and it passed in the affirmative, the Members for the Motion were, M^r Simpson, M^r Netherclift, M^r Jamieson, Sir Patrick Houstoun, D^r Houstoun, M^r Henry Yonge, M^r Le Conte, M^r Maxwell, M^r Andrew, M^r Shruder, M^r Stirk, M^r Millen, M^r William Jones, M^r Baker, M^r Thomas Young, M^r Bourquin, M^r Powell, and M^r Law, The Members against the Motion were, M^r Brown, M^r Carter, M^r Bryan, D^r Jones, M^r Zubly, and M^r Barnard.

ORDERED that M^r Simpson, Sir Patrick Houstoun, M^r Thomas Young, M^r Netherclift, and M^r Le Conte, be a committee to prepare and bring in the said Bill

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in a Bill, entitled, an Act to empower the several commissioners or Surveyors hereafter named to lay out and make such publick Roads, in the province of Georgia as are herein after mentioned and Directed, and to continue to work upon, clair, and repair, and improve the several roads, already laid out, and also the rivers and Creeks within their Several and respective Divisions, and that Sir Patrick Houstoun, M^r Bryan D^r Jones M^r Carter, M^r Andrew, M^r Thomas Young and M^r Baker do prepare and bring in the same

M^r Le Conte from the committee appointed to wait on his Honour the president with an address, requesting that he will be pleased to Order a Writ to be issued in the room of John Baker, Esq^r elected and returned for the Parish of Saint Philip, and also for the Parish of Saint Thomas, and who made his election for the said Parish of Saint Philip, reported, that they had Accordingly waited on his Honour, and presented the Address, and he was pleased to say he would give Orders for that purpose immediately

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday Dec^r 16th 1772

The House met according to Adjournment

Motion being made, that the House do resolve itself into a committee of the whole House to take under consideration the rules of the House Accordingly resolved itself into a committe of the whole House and after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair ana M^r Shruder from the committee reported, that the committee had drawn up several rules, which they directed him to report to the House, and which he read in his place and delivered it in at the Table

RESOLVED that the report of the said committee be taken into consideration to morrow morning

And then the House adjourned untill
Tomorrow morning nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday Dec^r 17, 1772

The House met according to Adjournment

The order of the day being read, the House took under consideration the report of the said Committee upon the said rules, and made some amendment thereunto, which amendments were agreed to by the House

ORDERED that the said rules, with the amendments, be engrossed

And then the House adjourned until
Tomorrow morning 9 of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday Decr^r 18^a 1772

The House met accordingly to adjournment

D^r Jones, from the committee, of priviledges and elections, reported, that they had Examined several Witnesses with respect to the Election of the sea Islands in consequence of a petition from Samuel Farley, Esq^r that they are of Oppinion that the circumstances attending the same are of so extraordinary a Nature that Nothing they could do in the Matter would be conclusive, and therefore recommended the consideration thereof to the House

ORDERED that M^r Powell and M^r William Jones do wait on his Honour the president and request that his Honour will be pleased to Adjourn the House till after the ensuing holidays; and Accordingly they withdrew and being returned, M^r Powell reported, that they had waited on his Honour the president agreeable to order, and that, he was pleased to say that he would send for the Clerk of the Council and have it done immediately

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in a bill for the better ordering of the Militia and that M^r Stirk, M^r Zubly, M^r Carter, M^r Law, and M^r Jamieson be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same

RESOLVED that the report of the committee of Priviledges and elections be taken into consideration the Twentieth of January next

ORDERED that Henry Yonge and Samuel Farley Esq^r do attend on that day with their respective Witnesses

ORDERED that the Clerk do Acquaint Henry Yonge, and Samuel Farley Esq^r therewith

ORDERED that a Committee be appointed to examine into the Treasurer's Accounts, committee, M^r Simpson, M^r Thomas Young, Sir Patrick Houstoun, M^r Netherclift, M^r Shruder, D^r Jones, M^r Zubly, and M^r Bryan.

A Message from his Honour the presedent by the Clerk of the Council

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

I do hereby adjourn the Commons House of Assembly until Monday the 18th day of January next, then to meet for the dispatch of business, and it is Accordingly adjourned to the said 18th day of January next, Given under my Hand, at Savannah, 18th day of December, 1772

JAMES HABERSHAM

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members
of the commons House of Assembly—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Commons House of Assembly, Monday January 18th
1773.

The House met according to Adjournment

Archibald Bulloch, Esquire, elected and returned for the Town and district of Savannah, in the Parish of Christ Church, appeared, and did in person decline taking his seat

ORDERED that an Address be presented to his Honour

the president, requesting that he will be pleased to Order a writ to be issued for the electing of a Member for the Town and district of Savannah in the Parish of Christ Church, in the room of Archibald Bulloch, Esq^r who has declined Serving

The said Address being prepared was read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED, that M^r Zubly, and M^r Le Conte do wait on his Honour to present the said address.

Motion being made, that the committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Account may also be Ordered to examine the Accounts of the commissioners of the Loan office

ORDERED that the Committee do examine into the said Accounts and make their report thereon to the House.

The House being informed that the Clerk of the Crown and peace attended at the door, he was called in, and at the bar of the House delivered in Several papers, entitled, The presentments of the Grand Jury for December Sessions 1770, June and December Sessions 1771 and June and December Sessions 1772

ORDERED that the said papers do lie upon the table to be perused by the Members of the House

And then the House adjourned until nine of the Clock tomorrow morning.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday, January 19th 1773

The House met According to Adjournment

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do issue his warrant to take into custody Isaac Young, Esq^r elected and returned for the district of Goshen, in the Parish of Saint Matthew, he not appearing, or any excuse offered for his non attendance

ORDERED that the Clerk do write to the absent Members to require their immediate attendance

Mr Simpson from the committe appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, entitled, an Act for the preservation of Deer, and to prevent the Mischiefs Arising from the practice of hunting and killing Deer by Night, reported that they had prepared the same, which was received and read the first time, and Ordered to be read a Second time

Mr Le Conte appointed to wait on his Honor the president with an address, to request that he would be pleased to give orders for issuing a Writ of election for the town and district of Savannah, in the room of Archibald Bulloch, Esq^r who declined Serving, reported that he, with Mr Zubly, had, accordingly to order, waited on his Honour the president, who was pleased to say he would give Order for that purpose immediately

Motion being made for leave to bring in a Bill for the relief of Parishes from such charges as may arise from bastard Children, a debate, Arising thereon, and the question being put it passed in the Negative, the Members for the Motion were: Mr Andrew, Mr Baker, Mr Stirk and Mr Powell, the members against the Motion

were: Sir Patrick Houstoun, M^r Thomas Young, M^r Simpson, M^r Shruder, D^r Houstoun, M^r Brown, M^r Carter, M^r Millen, M^r Le Conte, M^r Jamieson, M^r Henry Yonge, M^r Bourquin, M^r William Jones, and M^r Maxwell.

Motion being made for leave to bring in a bill to Declare an Act of Parliament of Great Britain, made in the 24th year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the second, entitled an Act for rendering Justices of the peace more Safe in the execution of their office, and for indemnifying Constables and others Acting in Obedience to their Warrants, of force in this Province, a debate arising thereon, the House, devided, and it passed in the Affirmative, The members for the Motion were: M^r Simpson, M^r Thomas Young, Sir Patrick Houstoun, M^r Bourquin, D^r Houstoun M^r Baker, M^r Shruder, M^r Yonge, M^r William Jones, M^r Jamieson, M^r Stirk, M^r Carter, M^r Powell, and M^r Brown, The Members against the Motion were M^r Le Conte, M^r Andrews, M^r Maxwell, and M^r Millen,

ORDERED That leave be given to bring in the said Bill, and that M^r Shruder, M^r Jamieson, M^r Thomas Young, Sir Patrick Houstoun, and M^r Simpson, do Prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday, Jan^y 20. 1773

The House met according to Adjournment

John Adam Treutlen, Esq^r elected and returned for the

Town and district of Ebenezer, in the Parish of Saint Matthew, proved himself duly qualified to serve as a Representative, according to the terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General assembly of this Province, passed the 29th day of July 1761, entitled, an Act to ascertain the Manner and form of electing Members to represent the inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly, and then took the Oaths, and made and subscribed the declaration, and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and then took his Seat

A petition from Thomas Burton was presented and read, Setting forth, That the petitioner, having purchased a Tract of Land in the Parish of Saint George, and made a Settlement thereon with an intention to reside in the Province: that the petitioner farther begs leave to inform the House that he had, at a considerable expence and trouble, provided himself with proper Boats, and laid out a rode through the Swamp, of a Mile and a half in length, on the Opposite side of the River in South Carolina which travellors may at any time (except in a very extraordinary high Fresh, and then by carrying them about half a Mile's distance only) be conveyed from this to the Neighbouring Province in a more expeditious manner than any hitherto fallen upon or established: the petitioner therefore prays the Honourable House to take the premises under consideration, and be pleased to established a ferry from his said plantation, in Saint George's Parish, to the opposite side in South Carolina, and vest the same in the Petitioner for such a Number of Years as the House shall think proper: and the petitioner shall pray &c

The order of the day being read, Ordered, that the petition of Samuel Farley, Esq^r be read. Samuel Farley Esq was then heard, in Support of his Petition, the re-

turning Officer was then called in and examined, and being directed to withdraw, Samuel Farley, Esq^r was again heard, Henry Yonge, Esq^r was then heard, a Witness was then called in and examined, with respect to his qualification, and being directed to withdraw, another witness was called in and examined who was likewise directed to withdraw, Another witness was then called and examined and afterwards directed to withdraw, another Witness was then examined, and being directed to withdraw, another was called in and examined, and he being directed to withdraw, the House resolved that the further consideration of the Order of the day be postponed until tomorrow Morning

ORDERED that M^r Shruder, M^r Netherclift, M^r Andrew, and M^r Le Conte, be a committee to go down to Tybee Island to examine the light House, and report their Opinion whether the same is compleated in a proper manner so as to answer the purposes intended

The House being informed that Isaac Young, Esq^r in custody of the Messenger of this House attended at the door, he was accordingly, called in.

ORDERED that Isaac Young, Esq^r be discharged upon paying his fees, Then Isaac Young, Esq^r elected and returned for the district of Goshen in the Parish of Saint Matthew, proved himself duly qualified to serve as a representative, according to the terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province passed the 29th day of June 1761, entitled an Act to ascertain the manner and form of electing Members to represent the inhabitants of this Province in the commons House of Assembly and then took the Oaths, and

made and Subscribed the declaration, and took and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and then took his Seat

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday Jan^y 21st 1773.

The House met according to Adjournment

The House, according to Order, took into further consideration the Order of the Day on the report of the committee of privileges and elections with respect to the election of the sea Islands.

Motion being made that the House do determine whether William Oldis had a Legal Vote for a representative, at an election held on burnpot Island in November last, for the Islands of Wilmington, Skidaway, Tybee, and Green Island.

RESOLVED that it appears to the House that the vote of the said William Oldis is not legal

Motion being likewise made, that the House do determine, whether Thomas Ellis had a legal Vote for a representative, at an election held on Burnpot Island in November last, for the Islands of Wilmington, Skidaway, Tybee, and Green Island

RESOLVED that it appears to the House that the Vote of the said Thomas Ellis is not legal

Motion being made, that the House will Determine whether the election for the sea Islands be deemed an

undue election, as it appeared that the returning officer, refused the Votes of Several persons that were entitled to Vote within the district, agreeable to the meaning of the Writ and Custom for many Years past, a debate arising thereon, the House divided, and it passed in the affirmative, the Members for the motion were, Mr Isaac Young, Mr Baker, Mr Carter, Mr Brown, Mr Millen, Dr Jones, Mr Zubly, Mr Treutlen, Mr William Jones, Mr Maxwell, Mr Le Conte, Mr Bourquin, Mr Andrew, and Mr Stirk, the Members against the Motion were: Dr Houstoun, Mr Simpson, Mr Netherclift, Mr Jamieson, Mr Shruder, Sir Patrick Houstoun, and Mr Thomas Young

ORDERED that Mr Thomas Young, Mr Simpson, Mr William Jones, Mr Stirk, and Mr Isaac Young, be added to the committee appointed to go down to Tybee Island to examine the light House, and report their Oppinion whether the same is compleated in a proper manner so as to answer the purposes intended

The House being informed that a Vessel had arrived from Philadelphia with a person on board infected with the small pox, and that the said Vessel was now lying of the Trustees Gardens

ORDERED that an Address be presented to his Honour the president, to request his Honour to enforce the Quarantine Law, in that case made and provided, in such Manner that the impending danger of that distemper's being Spread may be prevented as far as it can by all legal precautions.

Which address being prepared and read was agreed to

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do Sign the same.

ORDERED that M^r Shruder, and M^r Simpson, do wait on his Honour the president with the said Address, accordingly they withdrew, and being returned M^r Shruder reported, that they had, agreeable to Order Waited on his Honour the president with the address, who was pleased to say, that he would send the House an Answer tomorrow morning

ORDERED that an Address be presented to his Honour the president to request him to issue a Writ for electing of a Member for the sea Islands in the Parish of Christ Church in the room of Henry Yonge Jun^r Esq^r whose election was resolved to be undue

ORDERED that M^r Simpson and M^r Zubly do wait on his Honour the president with the said Address

A Message from his Honour the president by the Clerk of the Council

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly

In answer to your Message of the evening, respecting a Vessell which arrived a few Days since from Philadelphia, having a person on board infected with the Small-pox, and that the said Vessell is yet lying off the Trustees Gardens; as it is apprehended contrary to the law in that case made and provided and requesting me to put in force the Quarantine law in such manner as to prevent as far as may be, the impending danger that may be apprehended from the Spreading of the said disorder in this Province, I acquaint you, that I have taken every Step in my power, agreeable to the law referred to in your Message, to prevent the evils you dread from falling on the inhabitants of this Town in particular and the Province In General, and that nothing but contrary

Winds, bad weather and Other unavoidable circumstances could possibly have prevented the Vessel, and all the persons which arrived in her being removed so far from Savannah as to render it almost impossible that any infection could be communicated

JAMES HABERSHAM

Savannah 21st Jan^y 1773-

And then the House adjourned until
Tomorrow morning nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday Jan^y 22^d 1773.

The House met According to adjournment

RESOLVED that if Edward Barnard, Esq^r a Member of this House, does not attend his duty in the House on Monday next, that the Speaker's Warrant shall be issued to take the said Edward Barnard into the custody of the Messenger of this House

M^r Simpson, appointed to wait on his Honour the president with an Address, requesting him to Issue a Writ for electing a Member for the Sea Islands in the Parish of Christ Church in the room of Henry Yonge Esq^r whose election was resolved to be undue, reporte, that he with M^r Zubly, had waited on his Honour, and who was pleased to Say, he would give Orders for that purpose immediately.

ORDERED that the Minutes of the commitee of correspondance be laid before the House: which were Accordingly presented to the House and read; and then Noble Wimberly Jones, Esq^r read to the House para-

graph's of several Letters he had received from M^r Franklin the late Agent, during, the interval Occasioned by the late dissolutions

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in an Ordinance for reappointing Benjamin Franklin Esq^r Agent to solecise the affairs of this Province in Great Britain.

ORDERED that Dr Jones, M^r Simpson, M^r Le Conte, M^r Zubly and M^r William Jones do prepare and bring in the same.

M^r Thomas Young from the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill, intitled, An Act, to declare an Act of Parliament made in the twenty fourth Year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the second, entitled, an Act for rendering the Justices of the peace more safe in the execution of their Office, and for endemnifying Constables and Others Acting in Obedience to their Warrants of force in this Province, reported, that they had prepared the same, which was received and read the first time, and Ordered to be read a Second time.

Dr Jones from the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill for the better Ordering the Militia, reported, that they had prepared the same, which was received and read the first time, and Ordered to be read a Second time

ORDERED that all persons having Demands against the Publick do deliver in their Accounts, properly attested, to the Clerk of this House, on or before the 15th February next

ORDERED that notice thereof be published in the next Gazette

RESOLVED that if Jonathan Bryan Esqr a Member of this House, does not attend his duty in the House on Monday Next, that the Speakers Warrant be issued to take the said Jonathan Bryan into the custody of the Messenger of this House

And then the House adjourned until Monday Morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Commons House of Assembly Monday January 25th
1773

The House met According to adjournment and then Adjourned until tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)*

Tuesday Jan^y 26th 1773

George Baillie, Esqr elected and returned for the Parish of Saint Thomas, appeared, and did in person decline taking his seat

ORDERED that an Address be presented to his Honour the president to request him to Order a Writ to be issued for the electing of a Member in the room of George Baillie, Esqr elected and returned for the Parish of Saint Thomas who declined Serving.

ORDERED that M^r Thomas Young and Sir Patrick Houstoun do wait on his Honour the president with the said Address they Accordingly withdrew, and being returned, M^r Young reported that they had Accordingly

waited on his Honour who was pleased to say he would give Orders for that purpose immediately

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in a bill to Ascertain and regulate the fees of publick Officers, and also the fees of other persons therein mentioned and that M^r Le Conte, M^r William Jones, M^r Andrew, M^r Shruder, and M^r Simpson do prepare and bring in the same

The Petition of Thomas Ross was presented to the House and read Setting forth: that the petitioner acted as Cryer to the General Court and Court of Sessions of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal delivery and also as Tipstaff to the Justices of the said Courts, and keeper of the Court House in Savannah from the 15th day of August 1771, as appears by his Commission; and that, as the business of the said Courts has lately much increased, the petitioner has Sustained great loss by his attendance to them; and that the fees appointed by his Excellency the Governor in Council to be taken and received by the Cryer of the Supreme Courts though duly paid, have been inadequate to his attendance; he therefore prays that the House will take his case into consideration and grant him such Salary for his trouble and attendance as the House shall think proper—

ORDERED that the said Petition do lie upon the table to be perused by the Members of the House

A bill entitled an Act for the preservation of deer, and to prevent the Mischiefs, arising from the practice of hunting and killing Deer by Night, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker re-

sumed the Chair, and Sir Patrick Houstoun, from the committee, reported, they had taken the said Bill into consideration, gone through the same, and made Several Amendments thereto, Which the committee had directed him to report to the House

ORDERED that the report of the said committee be received to morrow morning

ORDERED that M^r Speaker do issue his Warrant, agreeable to a resolution of the House on the 22^d instant, to take into custody Edward Barnard, Esq^r, a Member of this House, M^r Speaker did Accordingly issue his Warrant agreeable to Order.

And then the House Adjourned until to morrow morning nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday Jan^y 27th 1773

The House met according to adjournment

The House being informed that Edward Barnard Esq^r against whom the Speakers warrant was issued yesterday, was prevented from Attending the House by an indisposition, Ordered, that the said warrant be withdrawn

A petition of Several of the inhabitants of the parish of Saint Andrew was presented to the House and read setting forth; that a dispute had for some time Subsisted between the inhabitants of Saint John and Saint Andrew's Parishes Owing to the commissioners of the Roads for Saint John refusing to Join their Road at the Bridge built over South Newport River by the Petitioners,

which leaves the Space of about three quarters of a Mile of Swamp upon the parish line between the two Rodes undetermined though many of the petitioners have proposed to terminate the dispute by working Jointly upon that part of the rode, the want of which entirely cuts off the communication with the Nothern parts of the Province; and the petitioners being informed that a New Road Bill is now depending in the Honourable House, they therefore pray that a clause may be inserted in the said bill to oblige the inhabitants of this Province, of Saint John's Parish, to make twelve feet wide of the rode now in dispute upon the parish line for the whole distance and the inhabitants of this parish to make the other twelve feet, before any Other roades are worked upon, and the petitoners, as in duty bound will ever pray

ORDERED that the said petition be taken under consideration of the House next Monday Se'nnight

Sir Patrick Houstoun, (according to Order) from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the bill, entitled, an Act for the preservation of Deer, and to prevent the Mischiefs arising from the practice of hunting and killing Deer by Night, reported, that they had taken the same into consideration, and Made several amendments thereto which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered the bill, with the amendments, in at the Table where the amendments were read and agreed to by the House

RESOLVED, that the title of the said bill shall be, a bill, entitled, an Act to prevent the Mischiefs arising from the practice of hunting with fire and killing Deer by Night

ORDERED that the bill with the amendments be engrossed

D^r Jones from the committee appointed to prepare and

bring in an ordinance for reappointing Benjamin Franklin, Esq^r agent to solicit the affairs of this Province in Great Britain, reported, they had prepared the Same, which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time.

M^r Le Conte, from the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill to Ascertain and regulate the fees of the Publick officers, also fees of other persons therein mentioned, reported, They had prepared the same, which was read the first time and Ordered to be read a Second time

and then the House adjourned until to Morrow morning nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday Jan^r 28, 1773.

The house met according to adjournment

An ordinance for reappointing Benjamin Franklin, Esq^r agent to Solicit the affairs of this Province in Great Britain, was read the second time

ORDERED that the said Ordinance be committed to a committee of the whole House

The House immediately resolved itself into a committee and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Shruder from the committee, reported, they had taken the said Ordinance into consideration, gone through the same and made an amendment thereto, which the committee directed him to report to the House and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered

the Ordinance with the amendment, in at the table, where the amendment was read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED that the Ordinance with the amendment be engrossed

Motion being made for leave to bring in an ordinance to appoint the Honourable Grey Elliott, Esq^r to be the Provincial agent in Great Britain in case of M^r Franklin's absence from Great Britain a debate arising thereon and the question being put, it passed in the affirmative the Members for the Motion were M^r Simpson, M^r Millen, M^r Stirk, M^r Law, M^r Netherclift, D^r Houstoun, M^r Thomas Younge, M^r Andrew, Sir Patrick, Houston M^r Shrewder, M^r Isaac Young, M^r William Jones, M^r Jamieson, M^r Carter, and M^r Barnard the Members against the Motion were D^r Jones, M^r Bryan, M^r Zubly and M^r Le Conte

ORDERED that M^r Simpson, M^r Netherclift, M^r Shruder, Sir Patrick Houstoun, and M^r Carter do prepare and bring in the same.

M^r Speaker informed the House that he would on Monday next offer for a third reading, an ordinance for reappointing Benjamin Franklin, Esq^r agent to Solecise the affairs of this Province in Great Britain, and also a bill entitled an Act to prevent the Mischiefs arising from the practice of hunting with fire and killing Deer by Night—

a bill for the better ordering of the Militia was read a Second time

and then the House adjourned until to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

(From *B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday Jan^y 29 1773

The House met according to adjournment, and adjourned until Monday Morning nine of the Clock—

(From *B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Commons House of Assembly, Monday Feb^y 1st 1773.

An ordinance for reappointing Benjamin Franklin Esq^r agent to solicit the affairs of this Province in Great Britain was read the third time

RESOLVED, nem. con. that the said Ordinance do pass.

ORDERED that M^r Le Conte do carry the same to the upper House and desire their concurrence thereto

A bill, entitled, an Act to Prevent the Mischiefs arising from the Practice of hunting with fire, and killing deer by Night was read the third time

RESOLVED that the said bill do pass.

ORDERED that M^r Thomas Young do carry the same to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

M^r Netherclift from the committee appointed to go down to Tybee Island to examine the light House, and report their Opinion Whether the same is compleated in a Proper Manner so as to answer the purpose intended reported that they had, agreeable to Order, gone down to Tybee Island, and that they had come to the following resolutions. Viz^t

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of the committee, after

having carefully reviewed and examined the light House, on Tybee Island, that the same is fully and compleatly finished agreeable to the contract entered into by the commissioners with John Mullryne, Esq^r,

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of this committee that they cannot in Justice to the undertaker, omit to observe, that the foundation is made upwards of four feet in diameter more, and the House, included the Spire and ball, many feet higher than contracted for,

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of this Committee that the materials appear to them to be of the very best quality

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of this committee that upon the whole, the publick has had the most punctual Justice done by M^r Mullryne in the erection of the Same

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of this Committee that it will effectually answer the purpose intended, as well for a Land Mark as a leading mark over the bar

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of this committee that it will be necessary to cut down a few more trees to the westward and Southward in order to render it more conspicuous

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of this committee that the same be recommended to the commissioners of the pilotage to consider of and get effected

The House resolved itself into a committee to take into consideration a bill for the better ordering the Militia, and after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Barnard, from the committee reported that they had taken the said bill into considera-

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tion, and made some progress therein, and he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED that the committee have leave to sit again.

and then the House adjourned until Nine
of the Clock tomorrow morning

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday Feb^r 2^d 1773

The House met according to adjournment

The House resolved itself into a committee to take into further consideration a bill for the better Ordering the Militia, and, after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Barnard from the committee reported that they had taken the said bill into further consideration gone through the same, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered the bill with the amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read and agreed to by the House, except the first

ORDERED that the said bill with the Amendments, be engrossed

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday Feb^y 3rd 1773

The House met according to adjournment

a petition from Thomas Morgan was presented to the House and read setting forth: that the petitioner is informed that Thomas Burton of the parish of Saint George, planter, hath made application to the Hon^{ble} House, for establishing a ferry from his plantation in the said parish, and to vest the same in him for such Number of Years as the House shall think proper, the petitioner therefore begs leave to acquaint the House, that the land on which the said Thomas Burton resides formerly belonged to the petitioner, and, at the time of the sale thereof, he did reserve to himself five Acres out of the said Tract, as being a very proper and convenient place for the purpose of conveying persons from this to the Neighboring province, and, although the same is not confirmed, by law yet Travellers have been for some time past accommodated there, and is well known by the name of duns ferry: The petitioner therefore prays that if the House are of Opinion with him that establishing a ferry at the place above mentioned will be of publick utillity, that the same may be vested in the petitioner and his assigns for any Number of years the House in their wisdom shall think fit, and if Necessary that the petitioner may be heard in the premises

ORDERED that the said petition do lie upon the Table to be perused by the members of this House

A bill, entitled, an Act to ascertain and regulate publick officers fees, and also the fees of other persons herein after mentioned was read a second time, and Or-

dered to be committed to a committee of the whole House

A bill, entitled, an Act to empower commissioners or Surveyors to lay out, make, and repair the Roads already laid out, or may hereafter be necessary, and also to clear the rivers and Creeks within their respective Divisions, was read a Second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House

A petition, signed, by the officers and men of the Granadier Company, was presented to the House and read, Setting forth that the petitioners have been constituted by commission from his Honour the president, and have at much trouble acquired a proper exercise: that they have been always ready and willing to turn out upon duty whenever there was the least probability of danger in the Town, and have sent to England at a very great expence for Necessary Cloaths and Accoutrements, which they daily expect: And the petitioners humbly conceive that they would be the better able to serve the Province upon any alarm of danger or other emergency, if they were incorporated and exempt from some particular duties. The petitioners therefore humbly pray the said company may be incorporated, and such privileges granted them as may the better encourage and enable them to serve the Province, and particularly that they may be exempted from serving the office of Constable: and the petitioners will ever pray &c

ORDERED that the said petition do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of this House

and then the House adjourned until tomorrow morning nine of the Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday Feb^y 4th 1773

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned until tomorrow morning nine of the Clock—

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Commons house of assembly, Monday Feb^y 8th 1773

A petition from Several of the inhabitants of Saint John's Parish was presented to the House and read Settnig forth: That by the first Road Act passed in this Province, a road was ordered to be laid out, and made from Savannah to the Southern Boundary of this Province, to be carried on in such order as that every Southern parish or district should begin their part of the same where the adjoining northern parish ended, and which order was followed till interrupted by Saint Andrews Parish that the petitioners being desirous to accommodate their Neighbours in the best Manner had appointed a day and place to meet the commissioners of Saint Andrews to consult with them which way they chose the road should be laid out. That the commissioners of the said parish of Saint Andrew refused to meet, and that then the commissioners of Saint John's employed a Surveyor to run a traverse to the plantation of Capt^a John M^cIntosh near Sapelo Bridge, by which means they were enabled to open an easier communication with Savannah, but that the inhabitants of Saint Andrews parish, refusing to Join the inhabitants of Saint John's obtained an Act of assembly compelling the inhabitants of the said parish of Saint John to carry their road to Hasting's line which was disapproved of by the Commissioners of

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the said parish of Saint John, who adjudged it too difficult to be accomplished: the petitioners notwithstanding opened the road near the said line and threw up a very considerable part thereof: and that the inhabitants, of Saint Andrew by another application to the House of Assembly, had instead of getting one communication, as the law directed, obtained two, the one to the westward, and the other to the eastward: that the inhabitants of Saint Andrew's did again alledge that neither of these roads gave them a proper communication with Savannah, (though directed by themselves) and by another application, obtained a Middle road to be made by the petitioners: by which means the parish of Saint John is burthened in the Southern part of it with three publick roads for the use of the parish of Saint Andrew: and as the said parish of Saint Andrew do again petition that the commissioners may be compell'd to make more roads for them; the petitioners therefore humbly pray that no other burthen of the like Nature may be laid upon them for the use of the said inhabitants of the parish of Saint Andrew on whose account they have already suffered considerably, and the petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray &c

Then the house proceed to consider the order of the day, and the above recited petition, and Motion being made, that a clause may be inserted in the road bill to oblige the inhabitants of the parishes of Saint Andrew and Saint John to make and keep in repair, by their Joint labour, that part of the road which remains unopened between the Two parishes on the lower road and is on the line dividing the above parishes, a debate arising thereon, the House divided and it passed in the Negative

A petition of Several of the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of Saint Andrew was presented to the

House and read, Setting forth: That the petitioners Labour'd under Several grievances from the large extent of their parish and the badness of the roads occasioned thereby: the petitioners therefore have thought proper to lay before the House a state of the Several roads in the said parish, and pray that the House will take under consideration the several grievances, particularly that part of the road from Sapelo to Darien, which they look upon to be of no benefit of their parish and the petitioners do request that it be entirely set aside, and another laid out from Sapelo to the meeting House in the said parish, and from thence to the river road near Cathead: the petitioners also pray that their parish may be laid out in different divisions and Districts and that line be run parallel with their parish line by the above mentioned Meeting House: and likewise that a line be run from the East side of the plantation of William Le Conte Esq^r to the Alatamaha, near M^r Lewis's Old place, agreeable to a plan presented to a former House, and the petitioners will ever pray &c

ORDERED that the said petition do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

A petition from Peter Tondee and Joseph Dunlap was presented to the House and read, Setting forth: that in the Year 1765 the petitioners were employed, to build a Two Story brick House for the purpose of holding the General Courts of this province under the direction of the commissioners appointed to contract for the same, an estimate of which amounting to £450.. 19.. 6 was laid before the said commissioners that the petitioners having made now a calculation of the work done find themselves great losers thereby the calculation made by measurement amounting at the lowest rate to £595.. 0.. 0 in consequence of which there appears a loss much grater than

the petitioners can bear: the petitioners therefore pray the House will take the premises under consideration, and grant such farther Allowance as in their wisdom shall seem meet, and that one of the petitioners may be permitted to explain the matter to the House: the petitioners further set forth, that there is still a considerable ballance due them, exclusive of any additional allowance this House may please to grant, the want of which occasions the petitioners to labour under many hardships, a state of which the petitioners have annexed hereunto: the petitioners further observe, That a petition of the same import with the present was delivered to the commons House of Assembly the 17th December, 1770, but as that House was dissolved there could be no provision made for the petitioners: they therefore pray the House will take the whole under consideration, and the petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray &

ORDERED that the said petition do lie on the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

a message from the upper House by their Clerk: that the upper House had agreed to the Ordinance for re-appointing Benjamin Franklin, Esq' agent to Solicit the affair, of this Province in Great Britain with an amendment; and that they have also agreed to the bill, entitled an act to prevent the Mischiefs arising from the practice of hunting with fire, and killing Deer by Night, with several Amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House

And then the House adjourned until nine of the Clock to morrow Morning---

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday Feb^y 9th 1773

The House met according to adjournment

A petition of Hugh Kennedy was presented to the House and read Setting forth: that about two Years ago, an Act passed a former House of Assembly to establish a ferry over Savannah River in Saint Matthews Parish, and to vest the same in the petitioner, the petitioner has since made a Road from that of Augusta to Savannah river convenient for Carriages, and also cut a canal from the river to the high Land; the petitioner therefore prays that the House will establish a ferry, and vest it in the petitioner in the same manner as the ferry Opposite to the petitioner has been established by the province of South Carolina, and that the Road now cut out may be kept in repair by the parish, and the petitioner will pray &c

ORDERED that the said petition do lie upon the table to be perused by the Members of the House.

A petition from several of the inhabitants of Saint Matthew's parish was also presented to the House and read setting forth: that they are informed a publick ferry is to be established opposite the two Sisters on Savannah River, and a publick road leading thereto to be laid out through the Land of Hugh Kennedy, the swamp of which is upwards of a Mile wide and very deep; and as the petitioners are weak Handed, and even not able to put the publick Roads already laid out in such proper Manner as they ought to be, and likewise the river for the convenience of boats and rafts; and as the petitioners cannot conceive that the said road or ferry will ever answer any

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other purpose than drawing insupportable hardships upon them, and as there is more convenient places where ferries might be established they humbly conceive the best should be chosen: the petitioners therefore confide in the wisdom and clemency of the House, and flatter themselves that the House will so Order matters as to give them reason to pray &c

ORDERED that the said petition do lie upon the table to be perused by the Members of the House

The House resolved itself into a committee, to take into consideration a bill to empower commissioners or Surveyors to lay out, make, and repair the roads already laid out or may hereafter be Necessary, and also to clear the rivers and Creeks within their respective divisions and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Jamieson from the committee, reported, that they had taken the said bill into consideration and made some progress therein and he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED that the committee have leave to sit again--

The memorial of John Mulryne Esq^r to his Honour the president, to his Majesty's Honourable Council, to the honourable Speaker and Members of the commons House of Assembly was presented to the House and read setting forth: that the memorialist had the Misfortune to have his dwelling House in the parish of Christ Church with the greatest part of his furniture and effects, destroyed by fire in the Night, in the 8th day of January in the Year 1771: That a very little time before the said accident happened the Memorialist had received a considerable Sum of Money in the bills of Credit of this Province, some part of which he had paid away, but to the best of his recollection and belief there was remain-

ing in his desk, which was totally consumed, the sum of £60.. 0.. 0 or more, in the said bills: that as the said bills of Credit were issued by the publick for a Valuable consideration the publick must of course be gainers by the memorialist's loss, unless the Legislature shall think it equitable to relieve him in the premises, in the same manner as was done in a case of the like Nature some Years ago, the memorialist therefore hopes that the same may be taken under consideration, and that leave may be given to bring in a bill to empower the commissioners of the General Loan office, to issue bills of credit to the amount of £60.. 0.. 0 to be paid to your memorialist in lieu of and to replace the like Sum lost by the accident of fire aforesaid

ORDERED that the said memorial do lie upon the Table to be perused by the members of the House.

Motion being made that a committee be appointed to examine into the State of the Governors House, and if any repairs be found Necessary to report the same to the House a debate arising thereon, the House divided, and it passed in the Negative, the members for the motion were, M^r Stirk, M^r Jamieson, M^r Thomas Young, M^r Shruder, Sir Patrick Houstoun, M^r Law, M^r Treutlen, M^r Simpson, and M^r Barnard, the Members against the Motion were: M^r Bourquin, M^r Millen, M^r Brown, M^r Baker, M^r Carter, M^r Andrew, M^r Le Conte, D^r Jones, M^r Zubly M^r Powell M^r Maxwell and M^r Bryan

And then the House adjourned until to
morrow morning nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday Feb^y 10th 1773

The House met according to adjournment

A petition from several of the inhabitants of Saint Matthew's parish was presented to the House, setting forth: that the petitioners had presented to a former House of Assembly a petition pointing out the inconveniency of a publick road through their Lands to Middlesex ferry but as the commissioners of the publick roads have already laid out a private road for the Rev: M^r Zubly leading to the place above mentioned, and that the said M^r Zubly hath not met with any obstruction from any of them with respect to the private road laid out for him, the petitioners therefore humbly Solicit the House that, as they are already great Sufferers by the road aforesaid going through their small Tracts of Land, they may not be burthened with working on or making the road aforesaid, and the petitioners will ever pray.

ORDERED that the said petition do lie upon the Table to be perused by the members of the House

Joseph Clay Esq^r elected and returned for the Town and district of Savannah in the parish of Christ Church, proved himself duly qualified to serve as a representative, according to the terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General assembly of this province, passed the 29th day of June 1761, entitled, an Act to ascertain the manner and form of electing Members to represent the inhabitants of this province in the commons house of assembly and then took the Oaths, and made and subscribed the declaration, and took and subscribed the Oath of abjuration, and then took his seat.

The House took into consideration the amendments made by the upper House to the engrossed Ordinance, entitled, an Ordinance for reappointing Benjamin Franklin, Esq^r Agent to Solicit the affairs of this province in Great Britain, and agreed to the same

ORDERED that M^r Simpson do carry the ordinance to the upper House and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the amendments made by their House to the said Ordinance

The House also took into consideration the amendments made by the upper House to the engrossed bill, entitled, an Act to prevent the Mischiefs arising from the practice of hunting with fire and killing deer by Night, and agreed to some of the said amendments, and disagreed to Others.

ORDERED that M^r Simpson do carry the bill to the upper House, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to some of the amendments made by their House to the said bill, and disagreed to others, and that this House desires that they will appoint a committee to Join a committee of this House in conference on the subject matter of the said Amendments

ORDERED that the commissioners appointed to lease out the spring and watch House do lay their Accounts before this House on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a committee to take into further consideration the bill to empower commissioners or Surveyors to lay Out, make, and repair the roads already laid out, or may hereafter be necessary: and also to clair the rivers and Creeks within their respective Divisions; and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the chair, and M^r Jamieson from the committee

reported that they had taken the said bill into consideration, and made some further progress therein, and he was directed by the committee to move for leave to Sit again.

ORDERED that the committee have leave to sit again

ORDERED that the commissioners appointed to dispose of such Materials as were provided for rebuilding Christ Church in Savannah, and to place out at Interest the Monies arising, by the sale thereof, together with the monies provided by several acts of Assembly for repairing and rebuilding of the said Church, then in the Hands of the Treasurer, be ordered to lay their Accounts before the House on or before the 18th Instant

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday Feb^r 11th 1773

The House met according to adjournment

Motion being made, that a committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency Sir James Wright, Baronet, on his Arrival at the landing place, to congratulate him on his safe return to this province, and a debate arising thereon, the House devided, and it passed in the affirmative, the members for the motion were: M^r Carter, M^r Clay, M^r Treutlen, M^r Jamieson, M^r Law, M^r Netherclift, M^r Shruder, Sir Patrick Houstoun, M^r Simpson, M^r Thomas Young, D^r Houstoun, M^r Powell, M^r Millen, M^r Maxwell, M^r Stirk, M^r Barnard, and M^r Brown, The Members against the motion were M^r Bourquin, M^r

Isaac Young, M^r Le Conte, M^r Zubly, D^r Jones, M^r Baker, M^r Andrew, and M^r Bryan,

ORDERED that M^r Thomas Young, M^r Shruder, M^r Simpson, M^r Maxwell, Sir Patrick Houstoun, M^r Jamieson, and M^r Barnard be a committee to wait on his excellency the Governor on his Arrival at the landing place, to congratulate him on his safe return to this province

The House resolved itself into a committee to take into further consideration the bill to empower commissioners or Surveyors to lay out make and repair the roads already laid out or may hereafter be necessary, and also to clear the rivers and Creeks within their respective divisions, and after some time spent therein. M^r Speaker resumed the chair and M^r Jamieson, from the committee, reported, that they had taken the said bill in consideration and made some further progress therein, and he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED that the committee have leave to sit again

A message from his Honor the president by the Clerk of the Council:

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the assembly

In the month of April last, one Joseph Prine, a notorious Horse Stealer, broke out of the Goal in Savannah, and, as I understood he had threatened the lives of many Gentlemen of consequence in this Province, I laid the matter before his Majesty's Council, who advised me to issue a proclamation, offering a Reward of £50.. o.. o.. to any person who should Apprehend and deliver him into the said Goal in hopes thereby to avoid the evils apprehended from his being at Large, Yesterday the said Joseph Prine was brought from Carolina and is now in

Goal, but as I have no fund from whence to take the sum mentioned in the proclamation, all I have been able to do has been to get the Treasurer to advance the same to the persons who apprehended him, and I doubt not but you will provide for his reimbursement, at the same time I am under an indispensable necessity of once more reminding you of the present insecure state of the Goal, which is such that I am apprehensive the felons now confined in it will avail themselves of it, and evade Justice, especially since one, who has already escaped twice therefrom, is now with them, and I think the only method at present to prevent such an escape will be to have a Guard at the Goal, which I recommend to you to consider of

JAMES HABERSHAM

Savannah the 11th February 1773—

Another Message from his Honour the President was also delivered by the Clerk of the Council Viz^t

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the assembly

Since my message to you of this day concerning Joseph Prine, and the insufficiency of the common Goal, I am informed by the Provost Marshal that John M^c-Luer, a carpenter, who he employed to lay a new floor and make some other repairs to the Goal, reported to him, that the whole building is so rotten and defective that he dare not venture to lay a new floor lest the weight of the same should bring down the prison, as all the lower part of the frame is totally rotten, and that he is of opinion it cannot stand many days, I therefore recommend this matter to your immediate and serious consideration, as the lives of the unhappy people now confined there are in imminent danger

JAMES HABERSHAM

Savannah 11th February 1773

RESOLVED that as it had been represented to this House by his Honour the president, that Joseph Prine, a most Notorious and atrocious Villain is now confined in the common Goal of Savannah, and that there is great reason to apprehend he will attempt an escape which may be attended with dangerous consequences, a vote of credit may pass this House for a sum not exceeding £10. 0.. 0 Sterling to be applied to the payment of a guard to assist the Provost marshal in preventing the escape of the said Joseph Prine

And then the House adjourned until tomorrow morning nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday Feb^r 12th 1773

The house met according to adjournment

The House resolved itself into a committee to take into further consideration the bill to empower commissioners or Surveyors to lay out, make, and repair, the roads already laid out, or may hereafter be necessary; and also to clear the rivers and Creeks within their respective divisions and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the chair, and M^r Jamieson from the committee reported that they had taken the said bill into consideration, and made some further Progress therein, and he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED that the committee have leave to sit again

And then the House adjourned until Monday Morning, ten, of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday 15th February 1773

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Clerk of the Council

I do hereby Adjourn the Commons House of Assembly to Tuesday 23rd day of this Instant Feby and the said House is hereby Adjourned Accordingly until the said Twenty third day of February then to meet for the dispatch of Business

Given under my hand At Savannah in Georgia the 15th day of February 1773

JAMES WRIGHT

To the Hon^{ble} the Speaker and Members of the Commons House of Assembly

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday 23rd of February 1773

The House met According to Adjournment and then Adjourned until Nine of the Clock tomorrow Morning

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday 24th February 1773

The House met According to Adjournment and then Adjourned until nine of the Clock Tomorrow Morning

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday 25th of February 1773

The House met According to Adjournment and then
Adjourned until Nine of the Clock Tomorrow Morning

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday 26th February 1773

The House met According to Adjournment and then
Adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday 1st March 1773

M^r Thomas Young from the Committee Appointed
to wait on his Excellency Sir James Wright Baronet on
his Arrival at the landing Place to Congratulate him on
his safe return to this Province reported, that they had
according to Order waited on his Excellency the Gov-
ernor who was Pleased to say "That he took it exceed-
ingly kind of the Commons House of Assembly That
he was much obliged to them for their Civility and de-
sired his Compliments might be made to the Speaker and
the rest of the Members—

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the
Clerk of the Council—

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen—

His Excellency the Governor requires the Attendance
of this House in the Council Chamber immediately

Accordingly M^r Speaker with the House Attended his Excellency the Governor, and being returned, reported, that he, with the House had attended His Excellency, when he was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses, and which for fear of Mistakes M^r Speaker said he had obtained a Copy, which he read to the House, and is as followeth Viz^t

[For transcript of speech see Minutes of Upper House
1 March 1773]

Savannah in Georgia Council
Chamber 1st March 1773 }

RESOLVED Nem: Con: That an humble Address of thanks be presented to his Excellency the Governor for his Speach delivered to both Houses begging Leave to return him our thanks for his affectionate Speech to both Houses, that we with the Greatest Pleasure learn from him that our most Gracious Sovereign has approved of the plan for enlarging the Boundaries of this Province which will be an object, when compleated of the utmost importance to us and will in all probability be attended with the Salutary consequences Mentioned by his Excellency that we cannot but in Justice Acknowledge how much the Province is indebted to his Excellency on this Occasion as well for his effectual endeavors exerted while in England as his Excellency's assurances that his return to this Province is to compleat his Majesty's gracious intentions in the Most beneficial Manner

That his Excellency may rely that we Shall on our parts as far as in us lies, give every proper encouragement to such Settlers as may come in to purchase and reside on the Land proposed to be ceded—That we shall pay due Attention to the several Matters which may come before us and that any Expence that we may find

Necessary to lay on our constituents we shall take care to make as easy as possible

ORDERED that a Committee be Appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to his Excellency the Governor upon the said resolution

ORDERED that his Excellency's Speech be referred to the said Committee

Henry Yonge Jun^r Esq^r elected and returned for the Islands of Wilmington, Tybee Skidaway and Green Island in the parish of Christ Church proved himself duly Qualified to serve as A Representative agreeable to the terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, and then took the Oaths, and made and Subscribed the declaration and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and then took his Seat

A Petition from Several of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint George was Presented to the House and read Setting forth That the Petitioners are Informed that Thomas Morgan of Savannah, Taylor, has Petitioned to the House to establish a Ferry, and to vest the same in him as he (the said Thomas Morgan) did at the time of the sale of the Land now belonging to Thomas Burton reserve to himself five acres of the said Tract as being a very proper and convenient Place for the purpose of conveying Persons from this to the Neighbouring province and that Travellers have been for some time Accommodated there, and is well known by the Name of Dunn's Ferry, the Petitioners therefore beg leave to inform the House that the Ferry has been now ^(sic) Seven Years by Robert Dunn on the land now belonging to Thomas Burton and is the only convenient Place that a Ferry can be kept and that there never has been kept any Ferry by Thomas Morgan or by any other

Person for him neither is it possible that any can be kept there, but on the Land where Thomas Burton now lives, and as it will be of great service to this and the Neighbouring Province to have a ferry established there, the Petitioners therefore Pray that the ferry may be established and Vested in Thomas Burton and his Assigns for such Number of Years as the House in its Wisdom shall think Proper and the Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

A Petition from Robert Dunn was also presented to the House and read Setting forth "That at the time he was Purchasing of the Land (now belonging to Thomas Burton) from Thomas Morgan he the said Morgan proposed to reserve to himself a Part thereof, and the privilege of a Ferry on which the Petitioner refused dealing with him for the land the Petitioner further sets forth that Thomas Morgan then agreed to Sell him the land with the privilege of the Ferry for Sixty Pounds Sterling, which he Agreed to and paid the Money Thomas Morgan then reserved five Acres for a Lumber Yard, which was Accordingly laid out for him Agreeable to his Orders which is in low Ground and often under water and the Tract of land of Four hundred and Forty Acres which the Petitioner bought of Thomas Morgan with the privilege of the Ferry, the Petitioner likewise sets forth that he has since sold the same to Thomas Burton and which is well known to several persons in the parish

ORDERED that the said Petitions do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take into further consideration the Bill to empower the Commissioners or Surveyors to lay out make and repair the roads already laid out or may hereafter be necessary and also to clear the rivers and Creeks within their respective

divisions and after sometime spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Jamieson from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill into consideration and made some further progress therein and he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED that the committee have leave to sit again

And then the House Adjourned until
Nine of the Clock Tomorrow Morning

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday 2nd March 1773

M^r Simpson from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to his Excellency the Governor reported that the Committee had drawn up an Address Accordingly and were ready to make their report when the House please to receive the same

ORDERED that the Committee have leave to make their report

M^r Simpson Accordingly read the same in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was again read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED that the said Address be Engrossed

The said address being engrossed was read to the House in the Words following Viz^t

To his Excellency Sir James Wright Baronet Captain General, Governor and commander in chief of his Majesty's Province of Georgia Chancellor and Vice admiral of the Same

May it please your Excellency

We his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons House of Assembly in General Assembly met beg leave to return your Excellency our thanks for your affectionate speech to both Houses

It is Sir with the greatest pleasure we learn from you that our Most Gracious Sovereign has approved of the plan for enlarging the boundaries of this province which will be an Object when Compleated of the utmost importance to us and will in all probability be attended with the Salutary consequences mentioned by your Excellency We cannot but in Justice acknowlege how much the Province is indebted to you, on this Occasion, as well for your effectual endeavours exerted while in England as your Excellency's assurances that your return to this Province is to compleat his Majesty's gracious intentions in the most beneficial Manner

Your Excellency may rely that we shall on our parts as far as in us lies give every proper encouragement to such Settlers as may come in to purchase and reside on the Lands Proposed to be Ceded—That we shall pay due Attention to the several Matters which may come before us and that any Expence which we may find necessary to lay on our Constituents we Shall take care to make as easy as possible

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do Sign the said Address

ORDERED that the said Address be Presented to his Excellency the Governor by the whole House

ORDERED that Mr Simpson and Mr Clay do wait on his Excellency the Governor to know when he will be pleased to be attended by the House with the Address

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take into further consideration the Bill to empower commissioners or Surveyors to lay out make and repair the roads already laid out or may hereafter be necessary, and also to Clear the rivers and Creeks within their respective divisions, and after sometime spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Jamieson from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill into further consideration gone through the same and made several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED that the Bill with the amendments be engrossed

A Petition from Lachlan M^cIntosh was presented to the House and read setting forth "That the petitioner for want of a proper Ferry at the Town of Darien, hath had the Trouble of Carrying people from thence to Frederica, and over the river alatamaha these fourteen Years past and that it is now much more Frequently used, as Settlers are increasing on the south side of that river and sometimes by those who cannot Cross at Barrington when the river is very high The petitioner therefore prays that a Ferry from the Town of Darien to the nearest Shore in saint Davids Parish and to pikes Bluff in Saint James Parish may be established in him for any Term not exceeding three years and to render the said Ferry more convenient and passable for a Flat, that the Cut off opposite to Darien with the nearest five mile to it of the main road leading to Savannah may be allotted to the petitioner and the Slaves, upon Broughton's Island for their part of Publick Road work, until finished and the petitioner will ever pray

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ORDERED that the said petition do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

Motion being made for leave to bring in a Bill for the more effectual Clearing the river Savannah, and for laying a duty on boats Trading on and rafts comining down the said river a debate Arising thereon the House divided and it passed in the Nagative

The Members for the Motion were M^r Netherclift, M^r W^m Jones M^r Simpson, M^r Stirk, M^r Barnard M^r Henry Yonge, M^r Clay and M^r Jamieson

The Members against the motion were M^r Bourquin, M^r Treutlen, M^r Carter, M^r Powell, Sir Patrick Houstoun, M^r Brown, M^r Isaac Young, M^r Andrew, M^r Baker, M^r Millin, M^r Maxwell, M^r Law, Doct^r Houstoun, M^r Le Conte, Doct^r Jones, and M^r Thomas Young.

M^r Speaker informed the House, that, he would on Thursday next offer for a third reading a Bill for the Better Ordering of the Militia

M^r Simpson reported to the House that his Excellency the Governor having been waited upon (pursuant to Order) to know his Excellencys Pleasure when he wou'd be attended by the House, with an Address, had been pleased to say, that, he wou'd receive the House at ten of the Clock tomorrow Morning

And then the House Adjourned until
Tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday 3rd of March 1773

M^r Speaker informed the House that he with the

House had Attended his Excellency the Governor with the Address of the House, and that his Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer Viz^t

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

I thank you for this Address and the pleasure you express at our most gracious Sovereign's approbation of the plan for extending our boundary

And Gentlemen, I am Obliged to you for Your Acknowledgement of any Services rendered, or Intended by me for the welfare of this province and the Assurance you are pleased to give me, that, you will pay due attention to the several Matters recommended, and which may come before you, is very agreeable to me

JAMES WRIGHT

Savannah in Georgia

A Message from the upper House by their Clerk—

M^r Speaker

In Answer to your message of the 10th of February desiring this House to appoint a Committee of Conference to Join a Committee of your House on the Subject Matter of the Amendments made by this House to the Bill Entitled an Act to prevent the Mischiefs Arising from the practice of hunting with fire and killing Deer by night, This House doth agree thereto and hath appointed a Committee Accordingly to meet in the Room adjoining the Council Chamber Tomorrow Morning 10 oClock Committee the Honourable Anthony Stokes, James Edward Powell, and Clement Martin Esquires

ORDERED that a Committee be Appointed to Join a Committee of the upper House in Conference on the amendments made by the upper House to the said Bill,

and a Committee was appointed Accordingly, Committed to M^r Simpson, M^r Thomas Young, M^r Le Conte, M^r Andrew, M^r Henry Yonge, Doct^r Jones and M^r Shrunder—

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take into consideration the Bill to ascertain and regulate the fees of Publick officers, and also the fees of other persons therein mentioned, and after sometime spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Clay from the Committee reported, that they had taken the said Bill into consideration, gone through the same, and made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report, when the House will please to receive the Same

ORDERED that the said report be received Tomorrow Morning—

And then the House Adjourned until Tomorrow Morning nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday 4th March 1773

M^r Clay pursuant to Order reported from the Committee of the Whole House to whom the Bill to ascertain and regulate the Publick officers fees and also the Fees of other persons herein after mentioned, was committed the Amendments which the Committee had made to the Bill, and which they had directed him to report to the House and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments, in at the Table where the Amendments were read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED that the Bill with the amendments be In-grossed—

Then the Order of the day, for a third reading of a Bill for the better Ordering of the Militia was read—

ORDERED that the same be adjourned over till To-morrow morning

And then the House adjourned until nine of the Clock Tomorrow Morning

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday 5th March 1773

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Clerk of the Council

M^r Speaker

His Excellency the Governor has Ordered me to de-liver you an Estimate of the necessary Charges of Gov-ernment in the Province of Georgia commencing the Twenty Ninth of September 1770 and ending the Twenty Ninth of September 1773 and also the several Accounts against the publick which have come to his Hands

ORDERED that the said Estimate with the Accounts do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

The Bill Entituled an Act for the better Ordering of the Militia was read a third time

RESOLVED that the Bill do pass

ORDERED that M^r Stirk do carry the Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

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Complaint being made by M^r Treutlen a Member of the House that he had received an Insult from John Oates

ORDERED that the said John Oates do attend this House on Monday Morning

ORDERED. that, the Messenger do Acquaint him therewith

M^r Simpson from the Committee appointed to Join a Committee of the upper House in conference on the amendments made by their House to the Bill "Entitled an Act to prevent the Mischiefs Arising from the practice of hunting with fire and killing deer by Night, reported, that the Committee had Joined the Committee of the upper House in conference and had taken the Matters recommended to them under consideration but not being Able to come to any determination, were of Opinion that the same should be referred to a free Conference of both Houses—

And then the House Adjourned until Monday Morning Ten of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday March 8th 1773

The House being informed that John Oates agreeable to Order was attending at the door

ORDERED that the said John Oates be Called in and the said John Oates being called in and several Questions asked him

ORDERED that he do withdraw

RESOLVED that John Oates, by Insulting John Adam Treutlen Esquire a Member of the House and likewise in Speaking certain words in a pubblick Manner highly reflecting upon the Honour of the House is guilty of a breach of privilege of this House

ORDERED that John Oates be called to the Bar of the House and upon his asking Pardon of the House be reprimanded by M^r Speaker

John Oates was Accordingly again called in, and at the Bar of the House did Acknowledge his fault, and asked Pardon of the House and being reprimanded by the Speaker was Ordered to be dismissed

A Petition from Hugh Kenedy was presented to the House and read setting forth that the Petitioner lately petitioned the House to grant him a Publick Ferry over Savannah River, and a road through his Land to the said Ferry opposite to the Established Ferry on the Carolina side that it appears that since the above mentioned petition Another was presented by Several of the Inhabitants of the parish aforesaid setting forth a supposed burthen on the Parishoners if compelled to make and repair the said Road, alledging that it is upwards of a Mile from the High Lands Belonging to the Petitioner, to the River, that the Petitioner caused the distance to be Measured and it appears to be, no more than fifty Chains, and that it is well known that the swamp on the said Land is passable when all others for several Miles up or down the river are not that there is another inconveniency in Establishing a Ferry elsewhere, if it be done for The Conveniency of Travellors and not for the benefit of an Individual, as there is an impossibility of swiming Cattle over the river for Ten Miles down or five Miles up the river (palachocala Excepted) from the said Ferry that the Petitioners against the Road and

Ferry applied for by the Petitioner are Strangers to the whole that it Seems inconsistant as well as Inconvenient to have two Ferries within one Mile of each other, as no other is allowed to be kept within Six Miles of the one Established on the Carolina Side and to which a Road is already Opened and which is Opposite the Petitioners Land that as the petitioners against the road above mentioned were of Opinion the Number of Hands applied for by the Petitioner were not sufficient to keep the same in repair the Petitioner is willing hereafter to do it at his Own expence if it is not thought proper to grant the said Road as Roads in General are, the petitioner is informed that a Neighbour of his reports that he has a Grant of a Ferry on his Land a little below the petitioner where Passengers may be put over to the Carolina Shore that he further says no other Individual is to put over any Traveller within Ten Miles up or down the river, and that the petitioner does not know what to think of the Ferry already Established on the Carolina side

ORDERED that the said petition do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

A Memorial of Samuel Savery was likewise presented to the House and read Setting forth that the Memorialist on or about the first day of June 1768 was Employed to run the boundary line between this Province and the Creek Indians under direction of Commissioners appointed for that Purpose That the Memorialist Accordingly attended the Commissioners and run the same from a place called Williams Creek about 50 Miles above Augusta to the river Saint Mary the Southern extremity of the Province being about 260 Miles that the Memorialist was three Months on this Service and was exposed to all the inclemencies of the season to the great Injury of his Health that some time in the Year of 1769 the Memorialist presented his Account for running the

said Line to the House then Sitting (a Copy of which is hereunto annexed) who provided Sixty five pounds for the Memorialist in the Tax Bill of that Year which was greatly inadequate to the Trouble Loss of time and health of the Memorialist; that sometime in the ensuing Year, the Memorialist again applied for the remainder of his Account And also to be paid for two Horses which were killed with fatigue on that Occasion, that Cost the Memorialist Twenty two pounds Ten Shillings Sterling but that House of Assembly being desolved nothing could be done in the application of the Memorialist that every other Man who lost horses in that Service was Paid the full Value of the same with which the Memorialist was not Acquainted when he made his first Application to the House but when he found that all others were reimbursed for their Losses he thought it but Justice that he should be also and therefore Applied as aforesaid that the usual Fee to Surveyors upon Common Occasions is Twenty one Shillings Sterling Per Day and Generally about Plantations where they may be comfortably Accommodated but this being a Work of excessive Labour, risque and fatigue the Memorialist charged Twenty five Shillings Per day which he apprehends in consideration of the Trouble—was but a Moderate Charge that the Memorialist had the fullest Assurances from the Commissioners that the House would make him ample Satisfaction for his Services and then he undertook the Arduous business upon the Strongest conviction that he should be generously rewarded, the Memorialist therefore humbly prays the House to take the premisses into consideration and grant him relief therein, by providing payment In the Tax Bill for such Sum as may be found upon due enquiry to be due to the Memorialist, and the Memorialist will ever pray &c

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ORDERED that the said Memorial do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

ORDERED that the commissioners for regulating the Market in the Town of Savannah do lay their Accounts before this House on Monday next

D^r Jones from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to Ascertain the Manner and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly, reported that they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and Ordered to be read a Second time

And then the House adjourned untill to-morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday March 9th 1773

Peter Sallins Esquire Elected and returned for the parish of Saint Thomas proved himself duly Qualified to serve as a representative, agreeable to the Terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General assembly of this Province and then took the Oaths, and made and Subscribed the declaration and took and Subscribed the Oath of abjuration and then took his Seat

Alexander Wyly Esquire one of the Commissioners appointed to lease the Spring and Watch House, attended agreeable to Order and made a report

RESOLVED that the report made to this House by the Commissioners to lease the Spring and Watch House is not Satisfactory

ORDERED that the said commissioners be directed to pay into the Hands of the Treasurer the Monies Arising from the Sale of a Lease made by them of a Building in the Town of Savannah called the Watch House agreeable to an Act of assembly passed the Twenty fifth of March 1765 on or before the Eighteenth Instant and that they produce their Accounts to this House on that day together with the Treasurers receipt for the Monies so to be paid—

ORDERED that the Commissioners empowered by an Act passed the Eleventh of April 1768 to Sell for a term of Years the Ferry over great Ogeechee river do lay their Accounts before this House on or before the Eighteenth Instant

ORDERED that a Messenger be Sent to the upper House to Acquaint them that the Committee of this House having reported they did not come to any determination with their committee appointed to confer on the Subject Matter of the Amendments made by their House to the Bill to prevent the Mischiefs Arising from the practice of hunting with fire and killing deer by Night this House therefore desires they will agree to a free conference of both Houses on the Subject Matter of the said Amendments

ORDERED that M^r Thomas Young do carry the said Message to the upper House

M^r Shruder According to Order from the Committee appointed to enquire into such Laws that have expired or are near expiring also such Laws as require amending and continuing and report their Opinion thereon to the House reported that the Committee had examined Accordingly the said Laws, and come to a resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he

read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where it was again read and is as followeth

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of this Committee that the following Acts will expire with the end of the present Sessions—Viz^t An Act passed the 10th of May 1770 for raising a certain Number of Watchmen for preserving good Order in and about the Town of Savannah, ought to be continued An Act passed the 27th of March 1759 for the better regulating Taverns, Punch Houses and retailers of Speritusous Liquors and further Continued .4th March 1762 And an Additional Act passed the 25th of March 1765 Ought to be continued in one Act An Act passed the 11th of April 1768 for regulating the Assize of Bread ought to be continued An Act passed the 25th of March 1765 to prevent Masters of Vessels from carrying off Persons in Debt from this Province Ought to be continued An Act passed the 26th of March 1767 to prevent Stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle and for the more effectual discovery and punishment of such persons as shall unlawfully Brand, Mark, Kill, or drive the same, and further continued 10th May 1770 Ought to be continued. An Act passed the 7th of April 1763 for holding Special or extraordinary Courts of Common Please for the Trial of causes arising between Merchants dealers and Others and Ship Masters Supercargoes and other Transient persons and further continued 26th of March 1767 ought to be continued, An Act passed 29th February 1764 for the punishment of Vagabonds and other Idle and disorderly persons and for Erecting prisons places of Security in the Several parishes of this province and for preventing Trespasses on Lands of the Crown or Lands reserved for the Indians and the more effectual Surpressing and punishing persons bartering with the Indians in the Woods and further continued

26th March 1767 Ought to be continued. An Act passed 4th March 1762 to oblige Masters of Vessels and Super-cargoes and other Transient persons importing Goods and Merchandise into this province to pay Tax for the same and further continued 26th of March 1767 Ought to be continued an Act passed 29th February 1764 to Suppress Lotteries and prevent other excessive and Deceitful gaming An Additional Act passed 25th March 1765 to the said Act ought to be continued in one Act, An Act passed the 11th of April 1768 to prevent as much as may be the spreading of the Small pox in this province ought to be continued An act passed 7th of April 1763 to prevent persons throwing ballast or rubbish or Faling Trees into the Rivers and Navigable Creeks within this province and for keeping Clear the Channels of the same to be continued, An Act passed to amend the same ought to be continued, An Act passed 25th of March 1765 to prevent frauds and Abuses in Admeasuring and laying out his Majesty's Lands in this province ought to be continued, An Act passed 25th of March 1765 to amend An Act entitled an Act to prevent private persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians and for preventing person Trading with them without a License ought to be continued an Act passed 6th March 1766 for punishing Seamen and Mariners Neglecting or deserting their duty on Board their respective Ships or Vessels and from preventing seamen or Mariners from being harbered or running in debt ought to be continued, an Act passed 27th of February 1770 for the better Security of the In-habitants by obliging the Male White persons to Carry fire Arms to places of publick worship ought to be continued An Act passed the fourth of March 1762 for the relief of Debtors who may be confined in Goal and are unable to Support themselves during such their confinement Ought to be continued, An Act passed 6th of March 1766 to prevent frauds and deceits in Selling,

Beef, Pork, pitch, Tar, Turpentine and Firewood ought to be continued, An Act passed 6th March 1766 to amend An Act for the better regulating the Town of Savannah and for Ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging and also to Authorize and empower the Church Wardens and Vestry of the parish of Christ Church to appoint a Beadle for the purposes therein Mentioned Ought to be continued, An Act passed the 26th of March 1767 to regulate the Making of Cypress Oak and pine Lumber, Staves and Shingles and for ascertaining the Quality thereof ought to be continued, An Act passed 26th March 1767 to prevent the bringing and Spreading of Malignant and Contagious distempers in this province and to oblige Masters or Commanders of Vessels going out of any port within the same first to produce a pasport from the Governor or Commander in Chief to prevent the harbouring of Sick Sailors and Others and for regulating and well Ordering the Lazaretto upon the Island of Tybee further continued 10th May 1770 ought to be continued An Act passed 10th May 1770 to amend the same ought to be continued an Act passed 24th December 1768 for encouraging the Cultivation of hemp Flax and wheat and for regulating the Inspection of Hemp, Flax and wheat Flour, ought to be continued, an Act passed 10th May 1770 to regulate and ascertain the rates of Wharfage of Shipping and Merchandise and also to ascertain the Rates of Storage in the Several ports of this province and for the better regulation of Wharves and Shipping in the said ports and for ascertaining the duty of an Harbour Master for the port of Savannah, ought to be continued an Act passed 10th May 1770 for appointing inspectors of Tobacco and to prevent the Exportation of bad and unmerchantable Tobacco ought to be continued An Act passed 11th April 1768 to empower the Commissioners therein Named to put up to Sale for the benefit of the

Publick the Ferry over great Ogechiee, at a place called pine Bluff for a Term of Five Years and to Authorize the said Commissioners to Inspect and regulate the said Ferry ought to be renewed, an Act passed 11th of April 1768 for establishing Several Ferries in this province and for Vesting the same in the persons therein Mentioned ought to be continued, A Ordinance passed 11th April 1768 for appointing Inspectors of Tanned Leather for the ports of Savannah and Sunbury in this province ought to be continued An Ordinance passed 27th February 1770 appointing Inspectors of Hemp Flax and wheat Flour for the ports of Savannah and Sunbury ought to be continued that a new Ordinance should be brought in appointing an Harbour Master for the port of Savannah. That a new Law is much wanted to lay a duty upon raw neat Hides exported from this province

That it is the opinion of this Committee that the following Acts require amendments Vizt an Act passed the 9th of June 1761 for Subjecting and making liable to attachment the Estate real and personal of Absent debtors in the Custody or power of any person or persons within this Province ought to be amended An Act passed the 15th of March 1758 for constituting and dividing the Several Districts and divisions of this Province into Parishes and for establishing religious worship therein according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England and also for empowering Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the respective Parishes to assess rates for the repair of Churches the relief of the poor, and other parochial Services ought to be amended, An Act passed 4th March 1762 for regulating the pilotage of Vessels into the Several ports of this Province ought to be amended, An Act passed the 7th of April 1763 for regulating a Work House for the Custody and punishment of Negroes, ought to be amended and continued, an Act passed 27th March 1759 for establishing the Method of appointing Constables as-

certaining the Qualifications of persons to serve in that office and to point out the duties attending the same ought to be amended An Act passed 29th February 1764 to direct Executors and Administrators in the Manner and Method of returning Inventories and Accounts of their Testator and Intestates Estates and for allowing them and all other persons who shall or may be intrusted with the care and Management of Minors and others Estates to charge commissions thereon, ought to be amended and continued, An Act passed 18th November 1765 for the Establishing and regulating patrols and prevent any person from purchasing provisions or any other Commodities from or Selling such to any Slave unless such Slave shall produce a Ticket from his or her Owner Manager or Employer ought to be amended and continued An Act passed 7th of April 1763 to prevent damages which may arise from dams or Banks for reserving or Stopping of Water ought to be amended and continued An Act passed 24th December 1768 to prevent fraudulent Mortgages and Conveyances and for making Valid all deeds and Conveyances heretofore made with respect to any defect in the form and manner of making thereof with certain restrictions, ought to be amended and continued

ORDERED that the said report be taken under consideration of a committee of the whole House tomorrow Morning

A Message from the Upper House by their Clerk

M^r Speaker

In answer to your Message of this day desiring a free conference of both Houses on the subject matter of the amendments made by this House to the Bill to prevent hunting by Fire Light &c this House doth agree to the

same and are ready to meet your House in the room adjoining the Council Chamber immediately

Upper House of Assembly 9th March 1773

M^r Speaker informed the House that he would offer for a third reading Tomorrow Morning the Bill to ascertain and regulate the publick officers Fees and also the Fees of other persons herein after mentioned, and also that he would on Thursday next offer for a third reading the Bill to empower Commissioners or Surveyors to lay out make and repair the roads already laid out or may hereafter be necessary and also to clear the Rivers and Creeks within their respective divisions

And then the House adjourned until To morrow Morning 9 of the Clock—

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday March 10th 1773

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into consideration the report of the Committee appointed to enquire into such Laws as have expired or near expiring also such Laws as require amending and continuing and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Barnard from the Committee reported that they had taken the same into consideration gone through the same and made some Amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the report with amendments in at the Table where the amendments were read and agreed to by the House and are as follows Viz^t

An Act passed 10th May 1770 for raising a certain

Number of Watchmen for preserving good Order in the Town of Savannah

RESOLVED that such a Law is Necessary

An Act passed 27th March 1759 for better regulating taverns punch Houses and retailers of Sperituous Liquors and an additional Act passed 25th March 1765

RESOLVED that the same be continued

An Act passed 11th of April 1768 for regulating the Assize of Bread ought to be continued.

An Act passed 25th of March 1765 to prevent Masters of Vessels from carrying off Persons in debt from this province ought to be continued

An Act passed 26th of March 1767 to prevent Stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle and for the more effectual discovery and punishment of such persons as shall unlawfully, Brand, mark, Kill or drive the same

RESOLVED that the same be continued

An Act passed 7th of April 1763 for holding Special or extraordinary Courts of Commons Please for the trial of Causes arising between Merchants Dealers and others and Ship Masters Supercargoes and other Transient Persons

RESOLVED that such a Law is Necessary—

An Act passed 29th of February 1764 for the punishment of Vagabonds and other Idle and disorderly persons and for erecting prisons and places of Security in the Several Parishes of this Province and for preventing trespassers on the Lands of the Crown or Lands reserved for

the Indians and the more effectual Suppressing and punishing persons Bartering with the Indians in the Woods

RESOLVED that the same be continued

An Act passed 4th March 1762 to oblige Masters of Vessels Supercargoes and other Transient Persons importing Goods and Merchandise into this Province to pay Tax for the same

RESOLVED that the same be amended and continued

An Act passed 29th of February 1764 to suppress Lotteries and prevent other excessive and deceitful gaming: an Additional Act passed 25th March 1765

RESOLVED that the same be continued

An Act passed 11th April 1768 to prevent as much as may be the spreading of the small pox in this Province

RESOLVED that the same be continued

An Act passed 7th of April 1763 to prevent persons throwing ballast or rubbish or falling Trees into the rivers and Navigable Creeks within this Province and for keeping Clear the Channels of the same

RESOLVED that it requires to be amended and Continued

An Act passed 25th of March 1765 to prevent frauds and Abuses in admeasuring and laying out his Majesty's Lands in this Province

RESOLVED that it be continued

An Act passed 25th of March 1765 to amend an Act entitled an Act to prevent private persons from purchas-

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ing Lands from the Indians and for preventing persons Trading with them without a License

RESOLVED that it be continued

An Act passed 6th March 1766 for punishing Seamen and Mariners Neglecting or deserting their duty on board their respective Ships or Vessels and for preventing Seamen or Mariners from being harboured or running in Debt

RESOLVED that it be continued

An Act passed 27th of February 1770 for the better Security of the Inhabitants by obliging the male white persons to carry fire arms to places of publick Worship

RESOLVED that it be continued

An Act passed 6th March 1766 for the relief of Debtors who may be confined in Goal and are unable to support themselves during such their confinement

RESOLVED that such a Law is necessary

An Act passed 6th March 1766 to prevent frauds and deceits in Selling Beef Pork, pitch, Tar Turpentine and firewood

RESOLVED that it be continued

An Act passed 6th March 1766 to amend an Act for the better regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging, and also to Authorize and empower the Church Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of Christ Church to appoint a Beadle for the purpose therein Mentioned

RESOLVED that it be continued

An Act passed 26th March 1767 to regulate the making of Cypress Oak and pine Lumber Staves, and Shingles and for ascertaining the Quality thereof

RESOLVED that the same be continued

An Act passed 26th March 1767 to prevent the bringing into and Spreading of Malignant and Contagious distempers in this Province and to oblige Masters or Commanders of Vessels going out of any Port within the same first to produce a passport from the Governor or Commander in Chief to prevent the Harbouring of Sick Sailors and others ^(sic) for regulating and well ordering the Lazaretto upon the Island of Tybee and an Act passed 10th May 1770 to amend the same

RESOLVED that the said Laws be continued

An Act passed the 24th December 1768 for encouraging the cultivation of Hemp, Flax, and Wheat and for regulating the Inspection of Hemp Flax and Wheat Flour

RESOLVED that this Law is Expired

An Act passed 10th May 1770 to regulate and ascertain the rates of Wharfage of Shipping and Merchandise and also to ascertain the rates of Storage in the several Ports of this Province and for the better regulation of Wharves and Shipping in the said Ports and for ascertaining the duty of an harbour Master for the Port of Savannah

RESOLVED that the same be continued

An Act passed 10th May 1770 for appointing Inspectors of Tobacco and also to prevent the Exportation of bad unmerchantable Tobacco

RESOLVED that the same be continued

An Act passed 11th April 1768 to empower the Commissioners therein named to put up to Sale for the benefit of the publick, the Ferry over Great Ogeechee River at a Place called the Pine Bluff for Five Years and to authorize the said Commissioners to Inspect and regulate the said Ferry

Resolved that a new Law is Necessary

An Act passed 11th April 1768 for establishing several Ferries in this Province and for Vesting the same in the Persons therein Mentioned

Resolved that it be continued

Resolved that a Law is much Wanted for the laying a Duty upon raw and Neat Hides exported from this Province

Resolved that it is the opinion of this Committee that the following Laws require amendment

An Act passed the 9th June 1761 for Subjecting and making liable to Attachment the Estate real and Personal of absent debtors in the custody or power of any Person or Persons within this Province

An Act passed 15th March 1758 for constituting and dividing the several districts and divisions of this Province into Parishes and for establishing religious Worship therein According to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England and also for empowering Church Wardens and Vestry men of the respective Parishes to assess rates for the repair of Churches the relief of the poor and other Parochial Charges—

An Act passed 4th March 1762 for regulating the pilotage of Vessels into the Several Ports of this Province

An Act passed 7th April 1763 for regulating a Work House for the custody and punishment of Negroes

RESOLVED that the same be amended and continued

An Act passed 27th March 1759 for Establishing the Method of appointing constables ascertaining the Qualifications of persons to serve in that office and to point Out the duties attending the same

An Act passed 20th February 1764 to direct Executors and administrators in the manner and method of returning Inventories and accounts of their Testators and intestates Estates and for allowing them and all other persons who shall or may be intrusted with the care and management of Minors and others Estates to charge Commissions thereon—

An Act passed 18th November 1765 for Establishing and regulating Patrols and to Prevent any Person from purchasing provisions or any other commodities from or Selling such to any slave unless such Slave shall produce a Ticket from his or her Owner Manager or Employer

An Act passed 7th April 1763 to prevent damages which may arise from Dams or Banks for reserving or Stopping of Water—

An Act passed 24th December 1768 to prevent fraudulent Mortgages and conveyances and for making Valid all Deeds and conveyances heretofore made with respect to any defect in the form and manner of making thereof with certain restrictions

RESOLVED that the following Ordinance is Necessary Vizt

An Ordinance for appointing Inspectors of Tanned

Leather for the ports of Savannah and Sunbury in this Province

RESOLVED that an Ordinance appointing Inspectors of Hemp Flax and Wheat Flour for the Ports of Savannah and Sunbury is unnecessary

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of this Committee that an Ordinance should be brought in for appointing an Harbour Master for the Port of Savannah

An Engrossed Bill from the upper House by their Clerk Entitled an Act to Explain amend and reduce into one Act of Assembly the Several Laws now in being relating ^(sic) holding Special Courts for the Trial of personal Actions wherein any Transient Person or persons is or are plaintiff or plaintiffs Defendant or Defendants was read the first time and Ordered to be read a Second Time

The Members Appointed to Manage at the free conference of both Houses upon the subject matter of the Amendments made by their House to the Bill entitled an Act to prevent the Mischiefs Arising from the Practice of hunting with Fire and killing Deer by Night Reported that they had agreed to the amendments made by the upper House with the Alterations made therein at the said Conference

ORDERED that M^r Shruder do carry the following Message to the upper House

Honorable Gentlemen

This House having taken into consideration the report of the Messengers of the free conference of both Houses upon the Subject Matter of the amendments proposed by your House to the Bill entitled an Act to pre-

vent the Mischiefs arising from the practice of hunting with Fire and Killing Deer by Night doth agree to the amendments proposed by your House with the alterations made at the said conference

Commons House of Assembly
10th March 1773

A Bill to ascertain and regulate the Fees of Publick Officers and also the Fees of other Persons therein Mentioned was Read a third Time

RESOLVED that the said Bill do Pass

ORDERED that M^r Shruder do carry the same to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

ORDERED that the Clerk of the Navil office for the port of Savannah do lay before this House an Account of all Monies and Gun-powder received by him as Powder Receiver as also the Quantity of Gun powder now in the Magazine in Savannah belonging to the publick on or before the 18th Instant

And then the House adjourned until 9
of the Clock Tomorrow Morning

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday March 11th 1773

M^r Simpson from the Committee Appointed to prepare and bring in an Ordinance appointing the Honorable Grey Elliott Esquire agent to Solicit the affairs of this Province in Great Britain in case of the absence of Benjamin Franklin Esquire from Great Britain reported that they had prepared the same which was received and

read the first time, and Ordered to be read a second time

ORDERED that M^r Le Conte and M^r William Jones do wait on his Excellency the Governor with an Address requesting that his Excellency will be pleased to adjourn the General Assembly of this Province until the 8th day of June next as the planting Season is so far advanced that the presence of the Planters at their respective Plantations is so immediately necessary that most of the Members cannot attend without great and Manifest Injury to their Private Concerns

RESOLVED that the Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill to empower commissioners or Surveyors to Lay out make and repair the roads already Laid out or may hereafter be Necessary and also to clear the rivers and Creeks within their respective divisions; be adjourned over until the 10th Day of June next

And then the House Adjourned until
Tomorrow Morning 9 of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday 12th March 1773

A Petition from Richard Capers with a Certificate thereunto annexed Signed by Several Merchants in Support of the said Petition was Presented to the House and read Setting forth, that the Petitioner has been a resident in this Province for several Years Past and flatters himself that during his said residence as well as in the former part of his Life ^(sic) support an Honest and unblemished Charrector ^(sic) that the Petitioner tho once of some property hath lately been greatly reduced, and

therefore in Order to Support his Family he has for sometime past been obliged to betake himself to the Inspecting culling and Measuring of Lumber: that the petitioner humbly hopes that the certificate above Alluded to will be a Sufficient Motive to grant the prayer of his Petition the Petitioner therefore Prays that the House will take the Premisses into consideration and appoint the Petitioner an Inspector, culler and Measurer of Lumber for the parish of Christ Church and also that he may in the usual Manner as Soon as Possible be appointed for that purpose and the Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

ORDERED that the said Petition do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

A Petition from several of the Inhabitants of the parish of Saint Paul was presented to the House and read Setting forth that the Petitioners crave that all such Laws as the Legislative Body may think conducive to the Good of the Publick may be compiled and Printed in one Code the Petitioners further Pray that Wrightsborough Town Ship may be Separated from the other part of the Parish to enjoy such Privileges as other Parishes do and be left as a frontier until the Cession of the Indian Lands is Compleated that General Courts of Common Pleas Oyer And Terminer &c be established in the back Parts of the Province which the Petitioners do conceive will be the Means of the Laws being more effectually put into Execution and also an easement to the Inhabitants who reside so far from Savannah that they beg Leave to observe that Wrightsborough is the Most centrical place at this time and will be much More so when the Cession of the Indian Lands is Accomplished, and of Course the properest place to Accommodate a Court of that kind that the Election Law be amended that they may have an Election once in three Years and

that the Election may be by Ballotting, that the Members may be allowed a Sum of Money Sufficient to defray their expences while sitting that all grain such as Wheat, Corn, Rice &c may undergo the same Prohibition in a time of Scarcity that such Clauses may be added to the Road Law as may enable the back Settlers of this Province to make their Trade both by Land and Water as convenient as may be for the benefit of the whole and that the Petitioners upon obtaining their Several requests will greatfully Acknowlege the Obligation

ORDERED that the said Petition do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

RESOLVED that the Orders for the several Commissioners to lay their respective Accounts before this House on or before the 18th Instant be adjourned over until the 10th Day of June next

ORDERED that the Clerk do acquaint them therewith—

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in a Bill for Establishing the Method of appointing Constables ascertaining the Qualifications of persons to Serve in that Office and to Point out the duties attending the same and that Doct^r Jones M^r Le Conte and M^r Zubly do prepare and bring in the same

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent the Stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle and the more effectual discovery and Punishment of Such Persons as shall unlawfully brand, Mark, Kill or drive away the same and that M^r Henry Yonge M^r Zubly, and Doct^r Jones do prepare and bring in the Same

ORDERED that Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to direct Executors and administrators in the Manner and Method of returning

inventories of their Testators and Intestates Estates and for allowing them and all other Persons who shall or may be Intrusted with the Care of Minors and others Estates to charge commissions thereon and that M^r Henry Yonge, M^r Zubly and M^r Clay do prepare and bring in the same

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in an Ordinance to appoint Comptrollers of the Country duties for the Port of Savannah and that M^r Simpson, M^r Henry Yonge, and M^r Shruder do prepare and bring in the same.

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent damages arising from dams or Banks and for preventing persons Stopping the Natural Course or Courses of Water to the Injury of their Neighbors and that M^r Andrew, M^r Law and M^r Maxwell do prepare and bring in the same

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in a Bill for the relief of Debtors who may be confined in Goal and are unable to support themselves during such their Confinement and that M^r Stirk, M^r Isaac Young and M^r Millen do prepare and bring in the same

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in a Bill to lay a duty on raw and neat Hides Exported out of this Province and for preventing the Exportation of unmerchantable Tanned Leather and that M^r Clay, M^r Le Conte and M^r Jamieson do prepare and bring in the same

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower Commissioners therein named to put up to Sale for the Benefit of the publick the Ferry over great ogeechee River for a Term of Years and to Authorize the said Commissioners to Inspect and regulate the said Ferry,

and that Sir Patrick Houstoun, M^r Le Conte and M^r Powell do prepare and bring in the same

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue the laws that are Near Expiring and that Sir Patrick Houstoun Doct^r Houstoun and M^r Simpson do Prepare and bring in the same

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend An Act entitled an Act to oblige Masters of Vessels Super-cargoes and other Transient persons importing Goods and Merchandise into this province to pay Tax for the same, and that M^r Clay M^r Jamieson and M^r Shruder do prepare and bring in the same

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in An Ordinance to Appoint an Harbour Master for the port of Savannah and that M^r Zubly, M^r William Jones and M^r Stirk do prepare and bring in the same

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act for the Regulating the pilotage of Vessels into the several Ports of this province and that M^r Clay, Doc^r Houstoun and M^r Shruder do prepare and bring in the same

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in a Bill for establishing Several Ferries in this Province and for Vesting the same in the persons therein mentioned and that Sir Patrick Houstoun M^r Le Conte, M^r Zubly, Doct^r Jones and Doct^r Houstoun do prepare and bring in the same

M^r Le Conte Informed the House that he with M^r Jones had agreeable to Order waited on his Excellency the Governor with an Address and that his Excellency was pleased to say that he would send the House an Answer Tomorrow Morning

Motion being made that as the House apprehended

when the following Bill was Moved for and rejected they had not time to go through the same but as it now appears that they will meet at a more convenient Season

RESOLVED, Nem: Con that leave be given to bring in a Bill for Clearing of Savannah River from the Town of Savannah upwards and for laying a duty on Boats Trading on and Rafts coming down the same, and that M^r Simpson, M^r Jamieson, and M^r William Jones do prepare and bring in the same

ORDERED that the Country Comptroller and Clerk of the Naval office (or powder Receiver) for the port of Sunbury day lay their Accounts before this House on the 16th day of June next and that the Clerk do Acquaint them therewith

ORDERED that Sir Patrick Houstoun and M^r Andrew do Wait on his Excellency the Governor with an address setting forth that the House having Maturely considered the Many inconveniences Arising to the Inhabitants of the southern parts of this province on Account of their being so much Circumscribed by the Indian Line beg leave to Request that his Excellency will be pleased at the approaching congress to exert his influence with the Indians to obtain their consent to an extention of the same that the House also beg leave to avail themselves of this Occasion to assure his Excellency that they will Readily concur in Such measures as may be thought necessary to exempt Persons purchasing the Indian Lands to be ceded from Attending on Juries in Savannah for a Limited time and for affording (consistantly with the Good of their constituents) such other encouragement as may tend to promote the Speedy Settling those Lands and the Welfare of the province in General, they Accordingly withdrew and being returned, Sir Patrick Houstoun Reported that his Excellency was pleased to give the following Answer Viz^t

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

I am perfectly Sensible that the Indian Line at the Back of our Southern Settlements is much too near and you may Rely on it, that, if it be possible to obtain an extention of it, I will effect it; and I thank you for declaring your Intention to concur in the measures Recommended by me for the encouragement of Persons who may purchase and Settle the Lands expected to be ceded to his Majesty

JAS WRIGHT

Savannah in Georgia

13th March 1773

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Clerk of the Council—

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

It will always give me pleasure to have the publick business carried on at such time as may be most convenient and agreeable to the Representatives of the people and as I well know how Necessary it is for planters to see their Lands Properly planted therefore I very cheerfully grant your Request and send you an adjournment accordingly

JAS WRIGHT

Savannah in Georgia

13th March 1773

I do hereby adjourn the Commons House of Assembly until Tuesday the 8th day of June next then to meet for the dispatch of Business and it is accordingly Adjourned to the said 8th day of June —

Given under my Hand at Savannah in Georgia the 13th day of March 1773—

JAS WRIGHT

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members
of the Commons House of Assembly

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday 8th June 1773

The House met according to adjournment and ad-journed until Tomorrow Morning Nine o'Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday 9th June 1773

The House met Accord (^(sic) to adjournment and Ad-journed until Tomorrow Morning Nine o'Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday 10th June 1773

The House met according to adjournment and ad-journed until Tomorrow Morning nine o'Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday 11th June 1773

The House met according to adjournment and ad-journed until Monday morning 10 of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday 14th June 1773

RESOLVED that the excuse made by Edward Barnard Esquire for his Non Attendance is not Sufficient

ORDERED that the Clerk do write to Edward Barnard Esquire to Acquaint him that his Attendance is Required on this day Fortnight

RESOLVED that the Orders for the Several Commissioners to lay their Respective Accounts before this House on or before the 10th Instant be adjourned over until Thursday Se:night

ORDERED that the Clerk do Acquaint them therewith

RESOLVED that the Order of the day for the third reading of a Bill to empower Commissioners or Surveyors to lay out make and Repair the Roads already laid out or may hereafter be Necessary and also to clear the Rivers and Creeks within their respective divisions be farther Adjourned over until next Friday Sen : night

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning Eight of the Clock .

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday 15th June 1773

A Bill Entituled an Act to amend an Act to ascertain the Manner and form of Electing Members to Represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly was Read-a Second time and Ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House

The House Immediately Resolved itself into a Committee and after sometime spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Netherclift from the committee Report ed that they had taken the said Bill into consideration gone through the Same and made Several Amendments thereto which he Read in his place and afterwards deliv-

ered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the same was again read and Agreed to by the House

ORDERED that the Bill with the amendments be Engrossed

And then the House Adjourned until To-morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday 16th June 1773

A petition from Several of the Inhabitants of Saint Pauls Parish was presented to the House and Read Setting forth that the upper Settlers of the above Parish have no convenient way of conveying their Heavy Produce but by carrying it in Wagons to some Landing on Savannah River where it may be taken off by Boats and as the uppermost Landing of this River and by much the most convenient to the upper Settlers has no Road opened to it and as the Creek commonly called Raes Creek Is frequently high and impassable for Carriages to the great detriment to the upper part of the said parish the Petitioners therefore Pray that they may obtain a Road to the River Opposite to the Boat Landing of Le Roy Hammonds and Company on the Carolina side being the uppermost place where Boats can pass of any considerable Burthen and that the Commissioners of the Roads in the said Parish may be empowered to lay out the Same and the petitioners as in duty bound will ever Pray &c

ORDERED that the said petition do lie on the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

The Engrossed Bill to explain amend and reduce into one Act of Assembly the Several Laws now in being Re-

lating to the Holding Special Courts for the Trial of Personal Actions wherein any Transient person or persons is or Are Plaintiff or Plaintiffs Defendant or Defendants was Read a Second time and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House

The House Accordingly Resolved itself into a Committee and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker Resumed the Chair and M^r Zubly from the Committee Reported that they had taken the said Bill into consideration gone through the same and made Several Amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the same was again read and agreed to

A Bill entitled an Act to declare an Act of Parliament made in the Twenty fourth Year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the second "Entitled an Act for rendering the Justices of the Peace more safe in the Execution of their office and for endemnifying Constables and others Acting in obedience to their Warrants" of Force in this province was read a Second time

ORDERED that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on the 25th of December next

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 10 of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday 17th June 1773

Motion being made that the seat of William Jones Esquire a Member of this House be deemed Vacant on his application for that purpose having left the province with an Intention not to return for Several Months, the House

divided and it passed in the Negative. The Members for the Motion were, M^r Simpson, M^r Shruder, M^r Jamieson, M^r Henry Young, M^r Netherclift M^r Stirk, M^r I. Young, M^r Brown, M^r Bryan and M^r Clay. The Members against the Motion were M^r Baker, Doc^r Jones, M^r Sallens, M^r Andrew, M^r Bourquin, M^r Powell, M^r Maxwell, M^r Carter, M^r Law, M^r Treutlen and M^r Zubly

M^r Law from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent damages Arising from dams or Banks and for preventing persons Stopping the Natural Course or Courses of Water to the Injury of their Neighbours Reported they had prepared the same which was Received and Read the first time and ordered to be read a second Time

M^r Henry Yonge from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend an Act Entitled an Act to direct Executors and Administrators in the Manner and Method of Returning Inventories and Accounts of their Testators and Intestates Estates and for allowing them and all other persons who shall or may be Intrusted with the care and Management of Minors and Others Estates to charge commissions thereon Reported they had prepared the same which was Received and Read the first time and Ordered to be Read a Second time

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From *B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday 18th June 1773

The House met according to adjournment and adjourned until Monday Morning Ten of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday 21st June 1773

A Bill to amend an Act Entitled an Act to direct Executors and Administrators in the Manner and Method of Returning of Invcntories and Accounts of their Testators and Intestates Estates and for allowing them and all other persons who shall or may be intrusted with the care and management of Minors and other Estates to charge Commissions thereon was read a Second time

ORDERED that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on the 25th of December Next

M^r Speaker Informed the House that he would on Thursday next offer for a third reading "A Bill to amend an Act Entitled an Act to Ascertain the Manner and form of Electing Members to Represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the commons House of Assembly

And also Informed the House that he wou'd on To-morrow Morning offer for a third Reading the Engrossed Bill to Explain amend and reduce into one Act of Assembly the Several Laws now in being Relating to the holding Special Courts for the Trial of personal Actions wherein any Transient Person or Persons is or are Plaintiff or Plaintiffs Defendant or Defendants

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday 22nd June 1773

The Engrossed Bill from the upper House to Explain

amend and Reduce into one Act of Assembly the Several Laws Now in being Relating to the holding Special Courts for the Trial of personal Actions wherein any Transient person or persons is or are Plaintiff or Plaintiffs defendant or defendants was Read the third time and after Several amendments made thereto it was

RESOLVED that the Bill do pass

ORDERED that Mr Baker do Carry the Bill with the Amendments to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

A Bill to prevent damages Arising from Dams or Banks and for preventing Persons Stopping the Natural Course or Courses of Water to the Injury of their Neighbours was Read a Second time and Ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House

The House Accordingly Resolved itself into a Committee and after sometime spent therein Mr Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Netherclift from the Committee Reported that they had taken the said Bill into consideration, gone through the Same and made Several amendments thereto which he Read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the same was again Read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED that the said Bill with the amendments be Engrossed

ORDERED that the Clerk do write to Sir Patrick Houstoun to Acquaint him that the House requires his Attendance Immediately

The House being Informed that the Clerk of the Crown and Peace was attending at the Door he was According

called in and at the Barr of the House delivered in a paper, Entitled the presentments of the Grand Jury for June Sessions, and then he Withdrew and the Title of the said paper was read

ORDERED that the said paper do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday 23rd June 1773

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in a Bill to make the Lands to the Southward of the River Alatamaha granted by the Governor of South Carolina in the Year of 1763 Subject to Sale for the Payment of all Taxes which now are or may become due thereon and that M^r Simpson, M^r Andrew and M^r Shruder do prepare and bring in the same

M^r Clay from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for granting to his Majesty a duty upon Raw Neat Hides exported from this province and for preventing the Exportation of unmerchantable Tanned Leather Reported they had prepared the same which was Received and Read the first time and Ordered to be read a Second time

M^r Stirk from the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of Debtors who may be confined in Goal and are unable to Support themselves during such their confinement Reported they had prepared the same which was Received and Read the first time and Ordered to be Read a Second time

M^r Speaker Informed the House that he wou'd offer for a third Reading the Bill to prevent damages arising from Dams or Banks and for Preventing persons stopping the Natural Course or Courses of Water to the Injury of their Neighbours on Tuesday Next

M^r Henry Yonge from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent Stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle and for the effectual discovery and punishment of such persons as shall unlawfully brand, Mark, Kill or drive the same Reported they had prepared the same which was Received and Read the first time and Ordered to be Read a Second time

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in a Bill for Raising a fund to Support a Watch in the Town of Savannah and that M^r Clay, M^r Stirk Doct^r Jones, M^r Shruder and M^r Maxwell do prepare and bring in the same

And then the House Adjourned until Tomorrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday 24th June 1773

RESOLVED that the Order of the day for the third Reading of the Bill to amend an Act Entitled an Act to Ascertain the Manner and form of Electing Members to Represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons Hous of Assembly be Adjourned over until Wednesday next

M^r Jamieson from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for clearing of Savannah River from the Town of Savannah upwards and for laying a duty on Boats Trading and Rafts coming Down the same Re-

ported that they had prepared the same Which was Received and Read the first time and Ordered to be Read a second time

The Bill for the Relief of Debtors who may be confined in Goal and are unable to support themselves during such their confinement was read a Second time and Ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House

The House Accordingly Resolved itself into a Committee and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Shruder from the Committee Reported that they had taken the said Bill into consideration gone through the same and made several Amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the same was again read and agreed to

RESOLVED that the Title of the Bill be "A Bill for the Relief of Insolvent debtors confined in Goal

ORDERED that the said Bill with the amendments be Engrossed

A Bill for Granting to his Majesty a duty upon Raw and Neat Hides Exported from this province and for preventing the Exportation of unmerchantable Tanned Leather was read a second time and Ordered to be committed

A Bill to prevent Stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle and for the effectual discovery and Punishment of such persons as shall unlawfully Brand, Mark, Kill or drive the same was also read the second time and Ordered to be committed

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday 25th June 1773

RESOLVED that the Order of the day for the third reading of a Bill to empower Commissioners or Surveyors to lay out make and Repair the Roads already laid out or may hereafter be Necessary and also to clear the Rivers and Creeks within their Respective divisions be adjourned over until Tuesday next

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take into consideration the Bill for granting to his Majesty a duty upon Raw Neat Hides Exported from this province and for preventing the Exportation of unmerchantable Tanned Leather and after sometime spent therein M^r Speaker Resumed the Chair and M^r Netherclift from the Committee Reported that they had accordingly taken the same into consideration gone through the same and made some amendments thereto which he was directed to Report when the house will be pleased to Receive the same

ORDERED that the said Report be received on Monday next

And then the House adjourned until Monday Morning Ten of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday 28th June 1773

A Bill for clearing Savannah River from the Town of Savannah upwards and for laying a duty on Boats Trading on and Rafts coming down the same was Read a Second time and Ordered to be committed

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The House Accordingly Resolved itself into a Committee and after sometime spent therein M^r Speaker Resumed the Chair and M^r Henry Yonge from the Committee Reported that they had taken the said Bill into consideration and Made some progress therein and he was directed by the Committee to Move for leave to sit again

ORDERED that the Committee have leave to sit again

Two Messages from the upper House by Thomas Moodie Esquire in the room of the Clerk of the Upper House

Upper House of Assembly 28th June 1773

M^r Speaker

This House having considered the Engrossed Bill from your House Entitled an Act for the better Ordering the Militia do agree to the same with some amendments to which they desire the concurrence of your House

Upper House of Assembly 28th June 1773

M^r Speaker

This House having taken under consideration the Amendments made by your House to the Bill Entitled an Act, to Explain amend and Reduce into one Act of assembly the Several Laws now In being Relating to the holding Special Courts for the Trial of personal Actions Wherein any person or persons is or are plaintiff or plaintiffs Defendant or Defendants have agreed to one of the said amendments but disagree to the others this House therefore desire your House will Join them in a free Conference on the subject Matter of the said amendments which if you agree to, this House will enter on the said business at Eleven o'clock on Thursday Next in the room adjoining the Council Chamber

RESOLVED that an Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor to thank him for his indefatigable and Successful endeavours in Obtaining from the Indians a large body of Valuable Lands in addition to this province and that M^r Jamieson, M^r Simpson, and M^r Netherclift do prepare and bring in the same

Motion being made that the thanks of this House be given to George Galphin and Lachlan M^cGillivray Esquires for exerting their Influence with the Indians and being Very Instrumental in assisting the Governor to obtain the late Cession of Lands, a debate arising thereon the House divided and it passed in the Negative the Members for the Motion were M^r Clay, M^r Henry Yonge, Doct^r Jones, M^r Bryan, M^r Bourquin, M^r Treutlen, M^r Andrew, M^r Stirk, M^r Baker, and M^r I. Young the Members against the Motion wer M^r Simpson, M^r Jamieson, M^r Netherclift, M^r Shruder, M^r Sallens, Sir P. Houstoun, Doct^r Houstoun, M^r Powell M^r Law, M^r Maxwell and M^r Thomas Young

M^r Netherclift (according to Order) Reported from the Committee of the whole House to whom the Bill for Granting to his Majesty a duty upon Raw neat Hides exported from this Province and for preventing the Exportation of unmerchantable Tanned Leather was committed the amendments which the Committee had made to the Bill and which they had directed ^(sic) Report to the House and he Read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the amendments were read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED that the Bill with the amendments be Engrossed

And then the House adjourned until Tomorrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday 29th June 1773

M^r Clay from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend an Act Entitled an Act to oblige Masters of Vessels Supercargoes and other Transient Persons Importing Goods and Merchandise into this Province to pay Tax for the same and to oblige the Treasurer and Collector of Duties to give Security for the due performance of their Office and for Monies that may be Received by them by Virtue of this Act and other Acts of this Province Reported they had prepared the same which was received and Read the first Time and Ordered to be Read a Second time

Then the Order of the day for Reading a third time the Bill to empower Commissioners or Surveyors to lay out make and Repair the Roads already Laid out or may hereafter be Necessary and also to Clear the Rivers and Creeks within their respective divisions, being Read, the said Bill was read a third time and some Amendments being made thereto

RESOLVED that the Bill do pass

ORDERED that M^r Netherclift do Carry the said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

RESOLVED that the Order of the day for the third Reading of the Bill to prevent damages Arising from dams or Banks and for preventing persons Stopping the Natural Course or Courses of Water to the Injury of their Neighbours be adjourned Over until Tomorrow Morning

And then the House adjourned until Tomorrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday 30th June 1773

A Bill Entitled an Act to prevent damages arising from dams or Banks and for preventing persons Stopping the Natural Course or Courses of Water to the Injury of their Neighbours was Read the third time and an Amendment was made by the House to the Bill

RESOLVED that the Bill do pass

ORDERED that M^r Thomas Young do carry the said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

M^r Simpson from the Committee appointed on Monday Last to draw up an Address to be presented to his Excellency the Governor reported that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly which they had directed him to report to the House and he read the same in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was again read and Ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Shruder from the Committee reported they had taken the said Address into consideration and made some amendments thereto and read the same in his place and afterwards delivered the Address with the amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED that the address be Engrossed

The said Address being Engrossed was read to the House in the Words following Viz^t

To his Excellency Sir James Wright Baronet Captain General Governor and Commander in Chief of his Majestys Province of Georgia Chancellor and Vice admiral of the same

The humble address of the Commons House of Assembly

May it please your Excellency

His Majesty's Dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons House of Assembly in General assembly met, well convinced on the Many real and important advantages which must result in this Province from the Acquisition of the Lands lately ceded to his Majesty by the Creek and Cheroque Indians and Sensible with how much Ardor and Assiduity your Excellency planned, and pursued the Measures Necessary to the Accomplishment of so desirable and Interesting an undertaking beg leave to congratulate you on the Success you have met with and to render you their thanks for the great affection you have Shewn and the essential Service you have done the Province on this Occasion

ORDERED that M^r Speaker do sign the said address

RESOLVED that the said Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor by the whole House

ORDERED that M^r Henry Yonge and M^r Baker do know his Excellency's pleasure when he will be attend by this House

A Bill to amend an Act Entitled an Act to ascertain the Manner and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly was read the third time and some amendments were made by the House to the Bill—

RESOLVED that the Bill do pass

ORDERED that M^r Thomas Young do carry the Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

A Petition from Hugh Kennedy was presented to the House and read Setting forth that the Petitioner had some time ago presented a petition to the House which was received and read relating to a road he had made to the Ferry at the two Sisters praying that he might have the said Ferry established in him the petitioner further sets forth that he has opened the old road leading through his swamp for the better Accommodating of Travellors and therefore prays the House will allow of a road to be Laid out through the Lands of John Adam Treutlen Esquire Who has run a Fence across the same to the Bluff and which the petitioner says Travellors do complain of-- The petitioner therefore further prays the House will Comply with his request as it cannot be of any Injury to M^r Treutlen and says it is but half a Mile in Length from the King's road to the edge of the swamp, and he Promises when the said road is made that leads to the above Ferry to make a bridge over the Creek at his own Expence

ORDERED that the said petition do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

ORDERED that M^r Shruder do carry the following Message to the upper House

Commons House of Assembly
30 June 1773—

Honorable Gentⁿ

In answer to your Message of the 28th Instant desiring a free Conference upon the Subject Matter of the amend-

ments made by this House to the Engrossed Bill Entitled an Act to explain amend and reduce into one Act of Assembly the several Laws now in being relating to the holding Special Courts for the Trial of personal Actions wherein any person or persons is or are plaintiff or plaintiffs Defendant or Defendants this House doth agree to the same and will meet your House accordingly at the place and time appointed

M^r Henry Young reported to the House that his Excellency the Governor having been waited upon (pursuant to Order) to know his Excellency's pleasure when he wou'd be Attended by this, House, had been pleased to appoint Twelve of the Clock this Morning

Accordingly M^r Speaker with the House went to attend his Excellency the Governor to present the Address and being returned M^r Speaker reported that he with the House had attended his Excellency and presented their address to which his Excellency was pleased to give the following answer

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

I return you my best thanks for this very obligeing address —The Cession of the Lands Obtained from the Cheroque and Creek Indians is certainly a Matter of Very great importance to the safety and prosperity of the Good people of this Province, and it does and always will, give me the greatest pleasure to have my conduct approved of by you their representatives

JAS WRIGHT

Savannah in Georgia
30th June 1773

The House having received Information of the absence of William Jones Esquire from the Province and that his business would detain him for several months

RESOLVED That the seat of the said William Jones be deemed Vacant.

ORDERED that an Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor to request him to give Orders for a Writ to be Issued for the Electing of a Member for the parish of Saint George in the room of William Jones Esquire whose seat is deemed Vacant and that M^r Simpson and M^r Stirk do wait upon his Excellency the Governor with the said Address accordingly they withdrew and being returned M^r Simpson reported that he with M^r Stirk had (According to Order) waited on his Excellency with the Address who was pleased to say he would give orders for that purpose Immediately

RESOLVED that this House do on Wednesday next resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into consideration the Estimate and publick Accounts

ORDERED that M^r Speaker do Issue His warrant to take Edward Barnard Esquire into the Custody of the Messenger of this House for his non attendance

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(From *B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday 1st July 1773

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take under consideration the Bill to prevent Stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle and for the Effectual discovery and pun-

ishment of such persons as shall unlawfully brand, Mark, Kill, or drive the same, and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Clay from the committee reported they had taken the said Bill into consideration and made some progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDINED that the Committee have leave to sit again

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by Thomas Moodie Esq^r in the room of the Clerk of the Council

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

I herewith send you a Memorial of the Honorable Lewis Johnson Esquire Provost Marshal of this Province together with an affidavit of some Carpenters of reputation who have Viewed the publick Goal and also the protest of David Tubear Keeper of the Common Goal

From these several papers you will see The present most ruinous state of the Goal—This Gentlemen is a Matter which calls Loudly on us for relief it has been laid before former Assemblies but hath hitherto remained without redress I apprehend from an Idea that the provost Marshal or Sheriff is obliged to provide a prison or Goal at *his own Expence* but if you will take the Trouble to look into this point I believe you will find that all Goals or prisons are the Kings and Called *Common or publick Goals* and that they are built and repaired at the *Common Charge of the Country* that all commitments are to the *Common Goal* that the Sheriff or provost Marshal cannot (*if he wou'd*) build a Common Goal that in England Goals or prisons cannot be erected by any less au-

thority than an *Act of Parliament* and here I presume by an *Act of the General Assembly*

The Honour of the Province Suffers, Publick Justice is impeded and often prevented, and the laws of our Country are in a great measure rendered useless by the frequent breaches of the prison and Escapes of Delinquents, and not only these reasons but common Humanity calls upon us all to remedy and prevent in future the Calamitous circumstances attending the Want of a proper *publick Goal*

I must therefore in the strongest Manner recommend the provost Marshals Memorial to your most serious consideration, and hope you will give that relief which the nature of the case so Evidently requires

And now I am on this Subject, I must not omit to Inform you that one Prine a most Notorious offender now lies under sentance to be hanged on Wednesday the Twenty first Instant and that there is a very great probability of his making his Escape before that day unless a Guard is kept at the prison, and that there is no money to defray the Expence of this without you should think proper to provide for it

JA^s WRIGHT Savannah the
1st July 1773—

ORDERED that the said Message with the papers do lie on the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

RESOLVED that as it has been represented to this House by his Excellency the Governor that Joseph Prine a most notorious Villain is now confined in the common Goal of Savannah under sentance of death and that there is Great reason to apprehend he will attempt an Escape a

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Vote of Credit may pass this House for a sum not Exceeding fifteen Pounds to be applied to the payment of a Guard to assist the provost Marshal in preventing the Escape of the said prine

RESOLVED that this House will take into consideration on Thursday next his Excellencys Message respecting the necessity of Building a Common Goal

And then the House adjourned until Tomorrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday 2nd July 1773

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take into further Consideration the Bill to prevent Stealing of Horses and neat Cattle and for the Effectual discovery and punishment of such persons as shall unlawfully Brand, Mark, Kill, or Drive the same and after sometime spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Clay from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration gone through the same and made Several amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

RESOLVED that the Title of the said Bill be "A Bill to prevent Stealing of Horses and neat Cattle and unlawfully Branding Marking, Killing or driving the same

ORDERED that the Bill with the amendments be Engrossed

ORDERED that the Clerk do write to John Jamieson Esquire a Member of this House to acquaint him that the House requires his immediate attendance

M^r Speaker informed the House that he would on Tuesday next offer for a third reading "a Bill for granting to his Majesty a duty upon raw neat Hides exported from this Province and for preventing the exportation of unmerchantable Tanned Leather

The members appointed to manage at the free conferene of both Houses upon the Subject Matter of the amendments made by this House to the Engrossed Bill Entitled an Act to Explain amend and reduce into one Act of assembly the Several Laws now in being relating to the holding Special Courts for the Trial of personal actions wherein any Transient person or persons is or are Plaintiff or Plaintiffs Defendant or Defendants reported that they had receded from the Second, fourth and fifth amendments made by the House and adhered to the first third and Last—

An Ordinance appointing the Honrble Grey Elliott Esquire agent to Solicit the affairs of this Province in Great Britain in case of the absence of Benjamin Franklin Esq^r from Great Britain was read a second time

And then the House Adjourned until Monday Morning Ten of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday 5th July 1773

Sir Patrick Houstoun from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to empower the Commiss-

sioners therein named to put up to sale for the benefit of the publick the Ferry over great Ogechee River for a Term of Years and to Authorize the said Commissioners to Inspect and regulate the said Ferry reported that they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and Ordered to be read a Second time

The Bill to amend an Act Entitled an Act to oblige Masters of Vessels Supercargoes and other Transient persons importing Goods and Merchandise into this Province to pay Tax for the Same and to oblige the Treasurer and Collector of duties to give Security for the due performance of their office and for Monies that may be received by them by Virtue of this Act and other Acts of this Province was read a second time and Ordered to be committed

The House Accordingly resolved itself into a Committee upon the said Bill and after Sometime spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Thomas Young from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into consideration gone through the same and made several amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

RESOLVED that the Title of the said Bill be "a Bill to amend and continue an Act Entitled an Act to oblige Masters of Vessels Supercargoes and other Transient persons Importing Goods and Merchandise into this Province to pay Tax for the same and to oblige the Treasurer and Collector of the Country Duties to give Security for the due performance of their office and for Monies that may be received by them by Virtue of this or any other Act of this Province

ORDERED that the Bill with the amendments be Engrossed

And then the House adjourned until Tomorrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday 6th July 1773

The Engrossed Bill for Granting to his Majesty a duty upon raw neat Hides Exported from this Province and for preventing the Exportation of unmerchantable Tanned Leather was read a third Time and some amendments were made thereto by the House

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED that M^r Stirk do carry the said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

The House took under consideration the amendments made by the upper House to the Engrossed Bill for the better ordering of the Militia and agreed to some and disagreed to others

ORDERED that M^r Stirk do carry the Bill to the upper House and Acquaint them that this House have agreed to some of the amendments made by the upper House to the said Bill and disagreed to Others and that this House desires they will appoint a Committee to Join a Committee of this House in Conference on the Subject Matter of the said amendments

M^r Speaker Informed the House that he wou'd on Friday next offer for a third reading a Bill to prevent

the Stealing of Horses and neat Cattle and unlawfully branding marking or driving the same—

A Bill to empower the Commissioners therein named to put up to sale for the benefit of the publick the Ferry over Great Ogeechee river for a Term of Years and to authorize the said Commissioners to Inspect and regulate the said Ferry was read a second time and Ordered to be committed

The House Accordingly resolved itself into a Committee and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Jamieson from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into consideration gone through the same and made several amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED that the Bill with the amendments be Engrossed

And then the House adjourned until Tomorrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday 7th July 1773

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower Commissioners of the General Loan Office to Issue Bills of Credit for Sixty pounds in Lieu of that sum destroyed by fire and that M^r Simpson, M^r Netherclift and M^r Baker do prepare and bring in the same

A Petition from Elizabeth Anderson of the Town of Savannah was presented to the House and read setting forth that the Petitioner at the request of John Simpson Esquire deceased late Acting Provost Marshal of this Province did Supply the prisoners in the Goal of Savannah with Bread to the amount of Five pounds fifteen Shillings and Six pence lawful Money of the Province aforesaid as appears by an Attested Account herewith delivered

The petitioner further observes that several applications were made to M^r Simpson in his life time for payment of the petitioners account but all to no purpose and the same hath never been paid and that the petitioner hath been Informed the Provost Marshal Usually charges the Legislature with whatever Provisions are furnished for the prisoners in Goal, and in case he had Actually paid the petitioners Account it wou'd have been by him charged to and allowed by the publick that the petitioner would not have Troubled the House upon this Subject were it not that the Petitioner Knows of no other Method to recover payment of his Account which tho small is more, as is well known than she can afford to loose

ORDERED the said petition do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

The Order of the day being read for taking the Estimate and publick Accounts under consideration the House (pursuant to Order) resolved itself into a Committee and after some time spent Therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Clay from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Estimate and Accounts under consideration and made some progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to Sit again

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ORDERED That the Committee have leave to sit again.

M^r Speaker Informed the House that he wou'd on this day Sin-night offer for a third reading a Bill to prevent the Stealing of Horses and neat Cattle and unlawfully Branding Marking Killing or driving the same

And also that he wou'd on Thursday the 15th Instant offer for a third reading a Bill to amend and continue an Act to oblige Masters of Vessels Supercargoes and other Transient persons importing Goods and Merchandise into this Province to pay Tax for the same and to oblige the Treasurer and Collector of Country duties to give Security for the due performance of their office and for monies that may be received by them by Virtue of this or any other Act of this Province

RESOLVED that the Order of the day for the different Commissioners and other persons therein mentioned to lay their respective Accounts before this House be further Adjourned over until the 16th Instant and that the Clerk do Acquaint them therewith

RESOLVED that the Order of the day for taking under consideration his Excellency's Message respecting the Necessity of Building a common Goal be adjourned over until the 16th Instant

And then the House adjourned until Tomorrow morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday 8th July 1773

The House met according to Adjournment and adjourned until Tomorrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday 9th July 1773

The House met according to Adjournment and adjourned until Monday Morning 10 of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday 12th July 1773

The House met according to Adjournment and adjourned until Tomorrow Morning 8 of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday 13 July 1773

The House met according to Adjournment and adjourned until Tomorrow Morning Ten of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday 14th July 1773

Motion being made that Edward Barnard Esquire a Member of this House in Custody of the Messenger be admitted he was Accordingly called in and made his excuse

RESOLVED that the said Excuse is not Satisfactory

ORDERED that the said Edward Barnard Esquire be discharged out of Custody of the Messenger upon paying his Fees

The Engrossed Bill to prevent the Stealing of Horses and neat Cattle and unlawfully Branding, marking Killing or driving the same was read a third Time and an Amendment was made thereto

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED that M^r Henry Yonge do carry the Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence

M^r Speaker Informed the House that he wou'd on Friday next offer for a third reading a Bill to empower the Commissioners therein named to put up to sale for the benefit of the publick the Ferry over Great °Gechee river for a Term of Years and to authorize the said Commissioners to Inspect and regulate the said Ferry

And then the House adjourned until Tomorrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday 15th July 1773

A Petition from John Francis Rainier with an affidavit thereto annexed was presented to the House and read setting forth that the petitioner had the Misfortune to have his dwelling House and other Buildings burnt on the first day of Last February and the most of his Effects destroyed and that the petitioner had at that time by him a Sum of Money to the Amount of thirteen pounds in Bills of Credit of this Province which was intirely consumed the petitioner therefore hopes that he may be relieved in the same Manner as in a case of the like nature now before the House and the petitioner will ever pray &c

The Engrossed Bill to amend and continue an Act to oblige Masters of Vessels Supercargoes and other Transient persons importing Goods and Merchandise into this Province to pay Tax for the same and to oblige the Treasurer and Collector of Country duties to give security for the due performance of their office and for Monies that may be received by them by Virtue of this or any other Act of this Province was read a third time

RESOLVED that the Bill do pass

ORDERED that M^r Clay do carry the said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take under consideration the Estimate and publick Accounts and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Clay from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Estimate and Accounts under Consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED that the Committee have leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned until Tomorrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday 16th July 1773

The Engrossed Bill to empower the Commissioners therein named to put up to Sale for the Benefit of the publick the Ferry over Great Ogeechee River for a Term of Years and to Authorize the said Commissioner to In-

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spect and regulate the said Ferry was read a third Time and some amendments were made thereto

RESOLVED that the Bill do pass

ORDERED that M^r Barnard do Carry the said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence

A Message from the upper House by their Clerk

Upper House of Assembly 14th July 1773

M^r Speaker

In Answer to the Message from your House desiring a Conference with this House on the subject Matter of the Amendments made to the Bill for the better Ordering of the Militia do agree to the said Conference and have appointed a Committee Accordingly to Join the Committee of your House in the room adjoining the Council Chamber immediately Committee The honorable James Edward Powell James Read and Henry Yonge Esquires

ORDERED that a Committee be appointed to Join a Committee of the upper House in conference on the amendments made by the upper House to the said Bill and a Committee was appointed accordingly Committed to Captain Carter, M^r Le Conte M^r Andrew, M^r Baker, and M^r Simpson

M^r Simpson from the Committee appointed to Join a Committee of the upper House in Conference on the amendments made by the upper House to the Engrossed Bill Entitled a Bill for the better Ordering of the Malitia—

Reported that the Committee had Joined the Committee of the upper House in conference and had taken the matters recommended to them under consideration and

were ready to report when the House please to receive the same

ORDERED that the report be received on Monday next

And then the House adjourned until
monday Morning nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday 19th July 1773

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take under Consideration the Estimate and publick Accounts and after sometime spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Clay from the Committee reported they had taken the said Estimate and Accounts under Consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED that the Committee have leave to sit again

A petition from several of the Inhabitants of the Province was presented to the House and read setting forth that they beg leave to Express their grateful approbation of a Bill which has lately originated in and passed through the Honorable House, that the like worthy principals to which they owe its present progress, ensure to them its ultimate Success that the Inhumanity the Injustice the inefficacy of Criminal Laws, have, In almost every Society been the Frequent Subject of complaint— That they congratulate themselves, that in the House they are likely to become the Subject of Inquiry and amendment that they thank their representatives for what they have already done and they desire to consider it as an earnest of their yet farther attention to a Matter almost

as Generally Neglected as it is important, but that amidst these their hopes and congratulations they may be allowed likewise to pour forth their Sorrows, that a fellow Creature a fellow Member of their Society groans, under the heavy Sentance of that Grevious Law which you have lately so publickly so Solemnly disapproved that he is Snached away at the dawn of Mercy he is wrecked within Sight of the Harbour, that shoud Prine Suffer and your Bill pass into a Law, he does not in the eye of reason, for the Crime, but for the time of its commission that he dies not for having Stolen a Mare, but for having Stolen her in 1772 instead of 1773 that they hope they shall not be Spectators of such a Scene that they intreat your application to his Majestys representative in behalf of this unhappy Man—That offices of Mercy are at all times amiable but on this Occasion they must in you be peculiarly becoming That they feel their Intreaties more than seconded by what you yourselves have so lately done—That though their Petition is Signed but by a very Trifling number of your Constituents they take upon them to assert that it conveys the Sentiments of the Majority for, to approve of the above mentioned Bill and to approve of the requested application must with every consistant person be one and the same feeling

In consequence of the above Petition a Motion was made that an address be presented to his Excellency the Governor humbly to request him to Extend his Mercy to Joseph Prine now under Sentance of Death on such conditions as shall appear most Eligible to his Excellency —a debate arising thereon and the Question being put it passed in the affirmative the Members for the Motion were Doct^r Jones, M^r Simpson, M^r Zubly M^r Shruder, M^r Bryan, M^r Netherclift, Doct^r Houstoun, M^r Powell, M^r Law, Captain Carter and M^r Bourquin the Members against the Motion were M^r Baker, M^r Brown, M^r Max-

well, M^r Isaac Young, M^r Barnard, M^r Le Conte, M^r Clary, M^r Millen, M^r Sallens and M^r Jamieson

RESOLVED that an Address be prepared accordingly and that M^r Zubly, M^r Shruder and Doct^r Jones do prepare and bring in the same they according withdrew and being returned M^r Zubly reported they had prepared The same which was received and read and some amendments were made thereto by the House

ORDERED that the said Address be Engrossed

The said Address being Ingrossed was read to the House in the words following Viz^t

To his Excellency Sir James Wright Baronet Captain General Governor and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Province of Georgia Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same—

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly

May it please your Excellency ,

The commons House of Assembly having this day received a petition from a number of Gentlemen of the Town of Savannah and some others in favour of Joseph Prine a Convict now under Sentence of Death setting forth some Circumstances in his behalf which render him in their Opinion an object of Mercy, and intreating this House to make application to your Excellency in his favour and after having taken the said petition into our Serious consideration and Maturely weighed the reasons therein advanced being led to hope that as he has already Suffered Greatly by a Long Imprisonment attended by many other though lawful yet severe and rigid hardships and has probably been brought to a proper Sense of his

former Crimes and bad conduct by such Charitable and religious Arguments and Doctrines as have from time to time been frequently urged and communicated to him he may (shou'd your Excellency think proper conditionally to remit his Sentence) become a Good and useful Subject to his Majesty we therefore beg leave humbly to recommend the said Joseph Prine as an object of compasion, and Sollicit you to extend Mercy towards him in such way as to your Excellency shall seem most Eligible

ORDERED that M^r Speaker do Sign the said address and that M^r Netherclift and M^r Zubly do wait on his Excellency the Governor and present the same

And then the House Adjourned until
To morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday 20th July 1773

M^r Netherclift from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor with the address reported that his Excellency was pleased to say that in cases of life and death (where application was made to him) he always consulted his Majesty's Council which he will now do and that afterwards he will send an Answer to the Address—

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take under Consideration the Estimate and publick Accounts and after sometime spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Clary from the Committee reported they had taken the said Estimate and Accounts under consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED that the committee have leave to sit again

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the deputy Secretary the Clerk of the Council being absent in Answer to the Address of Yesterday

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

It always gives me great pleasure to have it in my power to comply with the request of the House of Assembly and I have now the Satisfaction to Acquaint you that on my laying your address in favour of Prine before his Majesty's Council they are unanimously Inclined to Mercy—wherefore I shall Order a Conditional Pardon to be prepared for him

JA^m WRIGHT

Savannah 20th July 1773

RESOLVED that this House do take under Consideration on Friday next whither the Expences of Government and the demands against the publick from the 26th April 1771 to The 21st April 1772 be allowed and provided for

And then the House adjourned until Tomorrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday 21st July 1773

M^r Simpson from the Committee Appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to empower the Commissioners of the General Loan Office to Issue a Sum of Sixty pounds to make good a loss by Fire reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and Ordered to be read a Second Time—

The Order of the day being read the House accordingly took under consideration his Excellency's Message respecting the Necessity of building a Common Goal, and also the Memorial of the provost Marshal to his Excellency the Governor and the Affidavits and protest which were by his Excellency the Governor laid before the House accordingly

A Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to appoint Commissioners to build a Common Goal in the Town of Savannah and to Inspect the same when Built and for raising a sum of Money to defray the Expence of the same—and also to oblige the provost Marshal to give Security for the due Execution of his office, and to regulate the duties thereof, A debate arising thereon and the Question Being put it passed in the Negative—The Members for the Motion were Doct^r Houstoun, M^r Netherclift, M^r Henry Yonge, M^r Shruder, M^r Jamieson, M^r Simpson, M^r I Young M^r Stirk, M^r Millen, M^r Barnard, and M^r Zubly The Members against the Motion were M^r Brown Doct^r Jones, Captain Carter, M^r Brian, M^r Law, M^r Andrew, M^r Treutlen, M^r Le Conte, M^r Bourquin M^r Powell, M^r Clay, M^r Baker, and M^r Sallens

And then the House adjourned until Tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday 22^d July 1773

The Bill to empower the Commissioners of the General Loan office to Issue a sum of Sixty pounds to make Good a Loss by Fire was read a Second time and Ordered to be committee

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Commit-

tee and after sometime spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Netherclift from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill under consideration and made some progress therein and that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED that the Committee have leave to sit again

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Clerk of the Council

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

Yesterday afternoon I received Certain Information that Two Cheroque Indians were murdered near Broad River as they were returning home from the Congress lately held at Augusta for the particulars of which I refer you to the letters now sent and by which you will see in what a base Manner these Murders were perpetrated and being done on their return home from the congress is a great agrivation of the crime I have therefore with the advice of his Majesty's Council determined to Issue a proclamation for the apprehending the offender or offenders and as there is no Money in the Treasurers Hands which I can appropriate in that way I must recommend it to you to provide for this Necessary Service

JA⁸ WRIGHT

Savannah Council Chamber
22^d July 1773—

The said Message and letters being taken under consideration

RESOLVED Nem: Con that this House will provide the sum of one Hundred pounds for the apprehending of the

offender or offenders Mentioned in his Excellencys Message

ORDERED that an Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor to Acquaint him therewith and that M^r Clay and M^r Barnard do wait on his Excellency with the said address

A Message from the upper House by their Clerk

M^r Speaker

The upper House have agreed to a Bill to prevent damages arising from Dams or Banks and for preventing persons Stopping the Natural Course or Courses of Water to the Injury of their Neighbours with some amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House and also to a Bill to empower Commissioners or Surveyors to lay out make and repair the roads already laid out or may hereafter be Necessary and also to clear the rivers and Creeks within their respective divisions with amendments to which they likewise desire the Concurrence of this House and also a Bill to amend an Act Entitled an Act to ascertain the Manner and form of electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly to which they also desire the Concurrence of this House

And then the House Adjourned until
To morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday 23^d July 1773

A petition from Several of the Inhabitants of Saint Matthews Parish was presented to the House and read

setting forth, That a publick Ferry over the river Savannah from the plantation of Robert Hudson fourteen Miles above the one at the place called the Two Sisters would be very convenient for Travellors passing to and from Carolina and that if the House shou'd think proper to vest the same in the Said Robert Hudson he the said Hudson will be at the Expence of making the road on each side of the above Mentioned River whereby Travellors may cross at almost any Season or time of the Year and that the petitioners will ever pray &c

ORDERED that the said petition do lie on the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

The Order of the day for the House to take under consideration on this day whither the Expenses of Government and the demands against the publick from the 26th April 1771 to the 21st April 1772 be allowed and provided for being read

A Motion was made that the House do resolve to provide for the Expences of Government and the debts due from the publick incurred between the 26th of April 1771 and the 21st of April 1772 and a debate arising therein the Question being put it passed in the affirmative the Members for the Motion were, M^r Simpson, M^r Law, M^r Henry Yonge, M^r Barnard, M^r I: Young, M^r Netherclift, M^r Jamieson, M^r Stirk, M^r Treutlen, Doct^r Houstoun, Sir P: Houstoun, M^r Millen, M^r Carter, and M^r Shruder The Members against the Motion were M^r Brown, M^r Sallens M^r Clay, M^r Baker, M^r Le Conte, M^r Zubly, M^r Andrew, Doct^r Jones, M^r Powell and M^r Bourquine

RESOLVED That such commissioners and other persons as have already been Ordered to attend this House with their respective accounts and have hitherto Neglected

to give such attendance be peremptorily required to attend on Tuesday next at Eleven o'Clock

ORDERED that the Clerk do acquaint them therewith

And then the House adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday 26th July 1773

The House met according to Adjournment and adjourned until Tomorrow Morning Ten of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday 27th July 1773

ORDERED that the Clerk do write to Such Members as have absented themselves without leave of the House or have not made a proper Excuse and acquaint them that the House requires their Immediate attendance

And then the House adjourned until Tomorrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday 28th July 1773

The House took under consideration the amendments made by the upper House to the Bill to prevent damages arising from dams or Banks and for preventing persons stopping the Natural Course or Courses of water to the

Injury of their Neighbours and agreed to the same and likewise the amendments made to the Bill to amend an Act Entitled an Act to ascertain the manner and Form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly and agreed to some and disagreed to others.

And also the amendments made to the Bill to empower Commissioners or Surveyors to lay out make and repair the roads already laid out or that may hereafter be Necessary and also to clear the rivers and Creeks within their respective divisions and agreed to Some and disagreed to others

ORDERED that M^r Henry Yonge do carry the Bill to prevent damages arising from dams or Banks and for preventing persons Stopping the Natural Course or Courses of Water to the Injury of their Neighbours to the upper House and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the amendments made to the same by their House

ORDERED that M^r Henry Yonge do also carry to the upper House the Bill to amend an Act Entitled an Act to ascertain the Manner and form of Electing members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the commons House of Assembly and the Bill to empower the commissioners or Surveyors to lay out make and repair the roads already laid out or that may hereafter be Necessary and also to clear the rivers and Creeks within their respective divisions and acquaint them that this House have agreed to some of the amendments made by their House to the said Bill and disagreed to others and that this House desires they will appoint a Committee to Join a Committee of this House in Conference on the Subject matter of the amendments made to the said Bills

A Message from the upper House by their Clerk Viz^t

Mr Speaker

The upper House have agreed to a Bill to prevent the Stealing of Horses and neat Cattle and unlawfully branding, Marking, Kiling or driving the same with some amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House

Also to a Bill for granting to his Majesty a duty upon raw neat Hides Exported from this Province and for preventing the Exportation of unmerchantable Tanned Leather, with some amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—Also to a bill to amend and continue an Act to oblige Masters of Vessels Supercargoes and other Transient persons importing Goods and Merchandise into this Province to pay Tax for the same and to oblige the Treasurer and Collector of Country duties to give security for the due performance Of their office and for Monies that may be received by them by Virtue of this or any other Act of this Province with some amendments to which they desire the concurrence of this House And also to a Bill to empower the Commissioners therein named to put up to Sale for the benefit of the publick the Ferry over Great oGechee River for a Term of Years and to Authorize the said Commissioners to Inspect and regulate the said Ferry with amendments to which they likewise desire the concurrence of this House

And then the House adjourned untill To-morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday 29th July 1773

ORDERED that M^r Speaker do Issue his Warrant to take into custody Sir Patrick Houstoun Baronet and Jonathan Bryan Esquire Members of this House for absenting themselves without leave of the House

The House took under consideration the amendments made by the upper House to the Bill to empower the Commissioners therein named to put up to Sale for the benefit of the Publick the Ferry over great ogeechee River for a term of Years and to authorize the said Commissioners to Inspect and regulate the said Ferry, and agreed to some and disagreed to Others Also the amendments made to the Bill to amend and continue an Act to oblige Masters of Vessels Supercargoes and other Transient persons importing Goods and Merchandise into this province to pay Tax for the same and to oblige the Treasurer and Collector of Country Duties, to give Security for the due performance of their office and for Monies that may be received by them by Virtue of this or any other Act of this province and did agree to Some and disagree to others

ORDERED that M^r Zubly do carry the said Bills to the upper House and acquaint them that this House have agreed to some of the amendments made by their House to the said Bills and disagreed to others and that this House desire that they will appoint a Committee to Join a Committee of this House in Conference on the Subject Matter of the amendments made to the said Bills

The House likewise took under consideration the Amendments made by the upper House to the Bill for granting to his Majesty a duty upon raw neat Hides

Exported from this province and for preventing the Exportation of unmerchantable Tanned leather and agreed to the same—

ORDERED that M^r Zubly do also carry the said Bill to the upper House and Acquaint them that this House have agreed to the amendments made to the same by their House—

A Message from the upper House by their Clerk Viz^t

Upper House of assembly 29th July 1773

M^r Speaker

In answer to your Message of this day desiring this House will appoint a Committee to Join a Committee of your House in conference on the Subject Matter of the Amendments made by this House to the Bill to amend an Act Entitled an Act to ascertain the Manner and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the commons House of Assembly and also to the Bill to empower the Commissioners or Surveyors to lay out make and repair the roads already laid out or that may hereafter be necessary and also to clear the rivers and Creeks within their respective divisions do agree to the said conference and have appointed a Committee accordingly to meet in the room adjoining the Council Chamber immediately

Committee The Honble James Edward Powell James Read and James Hume Esquires

ORDERED that a Committee be appointed to Join a Committee of the upper House in conference on the amendments made by the upper House to the said Bills and a Committee was appointed accordingly Committed to

M^r Shruder, M^r Clay, M^r Barnard, M^r Le Conte and
Doct^r Jones —

M^r Simpson from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to enforce the payment of Arrears of Taxes due in this Province from persons holding or claiming to hold Lands by Virtue of and under grants Signed by the Governor of South Carolina in the Year of Our Lord 1773 reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time

A Petition from Several of the Inhabitants of Queensborough Township was presented to the House and read Setting forth that the petitioners apprehend that a Teacher of the Established Church is to be fixt in the lower part of the Parish of Saint George which they imagine will be oppressed to them as it will be the Means of increasing their Taxes in Order to provide for his Support and Maintenance they have already Subscribed for the Expence of a Teacher to reside amongst them the Petitioners therefore pray that the House will take the Matter into their Serious Consideration and prevent such a Measure from taking place either by dividing their parish or constituting the part they reside in into a Seperate district and thereby enabling them (without Subjecting them to the inconveniences which they now daily meet with) to have teachers and places of worship together with a Court of Conscience amongst them and they will pray as in duty Bound &^o

ORDERED that the said petition do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take under consideration the Estimate and publick Accounts and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed

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the Chair and M^r Clay from the committee Reported they had taken the said Estimate and Accounts under consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED that the committee have leave to Sit again

ORDERED that the Clerk do give notice that if such persons as have not attested their Accounts (delivered in) against the publick do not immediately call on the Clerk of this House and attest the same no Notice will be taken of them in the present Tax Bill

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday 30th July 1773

Motion being made that Jonathan Bryan Esquire having some days since absented himself From this House without leave and having Yesterday Morning in a Contemptuous Manner departed from this Province without asking leave or even making his Intentions known— be Expelled this House— a debate arising thereon and the Question being put it passed in the affirmative the Members for the Motion were M^r Law, M^r Millen, M^r Le Conte, M^r Clay, M^r Netherclift, M^r Treutlen M^r Shruder, M^r Jamieson, M^r Maxwell M^r Simpson, M^r Bourquine, M^r Henry Yonge and M^r Barnard, the Members against the Motion were Doct^r Jones, M^r Carter, M^r Zubly, M^r Powell M^r Andrew, and M^r Sallens

ORDERED that an address be presented to his Excellen-

cy the Governor requesting him to give directions for a Writ to be Issued for the Town and district of Savannah for the Electing of a Member in the room of Jonathan Bryan Esquire who is Expelled the House and that M^r Simpson and M^r Barnard do wait on his Excellency with the said Address

The Bill to enforce the payment of the Arrears of Taxes due in this Province from persons holding or claiming to hold Lands by Virtue of and under Grants signed by the Governor of South Carolina in the year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred and Sixty three was read a Second time and Ordered to be committed

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee and after sometime spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Henry Yonge from the committee Reported they had taken the said Bill into consideration and made some progress therein and that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED that the committee have leave to sit again

And then the House adjourned until Monday Morning Ten of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday 2^d August 1773

M^r Simpson from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor with an address to acquaint his Excellency to give directions for a Writ to be Issued for the Town and district of Savannah for Electing a Member in the room of Jonathan Bryan Esq^r who is Expelled the House reported that he with M^r Barnard

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had (according to Order) waited on his Excellency the Governor with the said address and that his Excellency was pleased to say he would give Orders for that purpose Immediately

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take under consideration the Estimate and publick Accounts and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed The Chair and M^r Clay from the Committee reported they had taken the said Estimate and Accounts under consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED that a Committee have leave to sit again

A Message from the upper House by their Clerk

upper House of Assembly 2nd Aug^t 1773

M^r Speaker

In answer to the Message from your house of this day desiring this House will appoint a Committee to Join a Committee of your House on the subject matter of the Amendments made by this House to the Bill to empower the Commissioners therein named to put up to Sale for the benefit of the publick the Ferry over great ogechee River for a Term of years and to authorize the said Commissioners to Inspect and regulate the said Ferry—and also the amendments made to the Bill to amend and continue an Act to oblige Masters of Vessels Supercargoes and other Transient persons importing Goods and Merchandise into this province to pay Tax for the same and to oblige the Treasurer and Collector of Country duties to give Security for the True performance of their office and for Monies that may be received by them by Virtue Of this or any other Act of this Province do agree to the

said conference and have appointed a Committee Accordingly to Join a Committee of your House on the Subject Matter of the said amendments to meet in the room adjoining the Council Chamber at Twelve o'Clock tomorrow Committee the Honorable James M^cKay, James Edward Powell Hen^y Yonge and James Read Esquires

ORDERED that a Committee be appointed to join a Committee of the upper House in Conference on the amendments made by the upper House to the said Bills and a Committee was appointed accordingly Committed to M^r Simpson, M^r Shruder, M^r Clay, Doct^r Jones M^r Netherclift, M^r Henry Yonge and M^r Le Conte

ORDERED that the Committee appointed to Examine the Treasurers Accounts do make their report on or before next Thursday Senⁿight

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday 3rd August 1773—

Nathaniel Hall Esquire Elected and returned for the parish of Saint George proved himself duly Qualified to serve as a representative according to the Terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly and then Took the Oaths and made and Subscribed the Declaration and took and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took his Seat

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take under consideration the Estimate and publick Accounts and after Sometime spent therein M^r Speaker resumed

the Chair and M^r Clay from the Committee reported they had taken the Said Estimate and Accounts under consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to Sit again; Ordered that the Committee have leave to Sit again

ORDERED that M^r Jamieson, M^r Hall, and M^r Stirk be added to the Committee appointed to Examine into the Treasurers Accounts

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take under consideration the Ordinance appointing the Honorable Grey Elliott Esquire agent to Solicit the affairs of this province in Great Britain in case of the absence of Benjamin Franklin Esquire from Great Britain and after Some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Netherclift from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Ordinance into consideration gone through the same and made some amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Ordinance in at the Table where the same were again read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED that the said Ordinance with the amendments be Engrossed

M^r Speaker informed the House that he wou'd on Friday next offer same for a third reading

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday 4th August 1773

The House being informed that Sir Patrick Houstoun Baronet in Custody of the Messenger of this House was attending at the door he was accordingly called in and Ordered to be discharged upon paying his Fees

M^r Netherclift from the Committee appointed to Examine into the Treasurers Accounts reported that they had Examined the same and were ready to make their report when the House please to receive the same He Accordingly (with leave of the House) made his report

ORDERED that the same be taken under Consideration on Tuesday next

A petition from Several of the Inhabitants of the parish of Christ Church was presented to the House and read Setting forth that the petitioners are Informed that the Society for propagating the Gospel in foreign parts persuaded that the Inhabitants of this parish are of themselves in Sufficient circumstances to make a proper and becoming provision for a rector have lately withdrawn from him their usual Stipend or Salery and the Subscribers being very desirous that a rector of Christ Church Shou'd be Supported in a Manner becoming his rank and Charecter Humbly request that the House will be pleased to take the State of the Living into consideration and if it shall appear to the House as it does to the petitioners to be unequal to the Expences of a Famaly residing in the Town of Savannah that the House will be pleased to make such an Addition to it as will fully answer that purpose the petitioners therefore beg leave to Inform the House that the rector of the parish of Christ Church is often called upon duties that respect the province in Gen-

eral and have no relation to his parish in particular and therefore hope that the House will be pleased to grant some equivalent Sum for these Services and provide any further Sum that may seem meet and in such a way as may be least burthensome to the parish and the petitioner will ever pray &c

ORDERED that the said petition do lie on the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take under consideration the Estimate and publick Accounts and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Clay from the Committee reported they had taken the said Estimate and Accounts under consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the committee to move for Leave to Sit again

ORDERED that the Committee have leave to sit again

A Message from the upper House by their Clerk Viz*

Upper House of Assembly 4th Augst 1773

M^r Speaker

This House having taken into consideration the report of the Committee of this House appointed to Join a Committee of your House in conference on the subject matter of the amendments made by this House to the Bill Entitled an Act to ascertain the Manner and form of Electing members to represent the Inhabitants of this province in the commons House of Assembly— Also a Bill to empower commissioners or Surveyors to lay out make and repair the roads already laid out or may hereafter Be Necessary and also to clear the rivers and Creeks within their respective Divisions— Also to the Bill to empower

the Commissioners therein named to put up to Sale for the benefit of the publick the Ferry over great ogeechee River for a Term of Years and to Authorize the said Commissioners to Inspect and regulate the said Ferry— And Also to the Bill to amend and Continue an Act to oblige Masters of Vessels Supercargoes and other Transient persons importing Goods and Merchandise into this province to pay Tax for the same and to oblige the Treasurer and Collector of Country duties to give security for the due performance of their office and for Monies that may be received by them by Virtue of this or any other Act of this province do agree with their Committee in the Alterations made in the said Several Amendments at the conference and adhere to the amendments which their Committee did Adhere to

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday 5th August 1773

M^r Simpson from the Committee appointed to Join a Committee of the upper House to confer on the Subject Matter of the Amendments made by their House to the Engrossed Bill to amend and continue an Act to oblige Masters of Vessels Supercargoes and other Transient Persons importing Goods and Merchandise into this province to pay Tax for the Same and to oblige the Treasurer and Collector of Country duties to give Security for the due performance of their office and for Monies that may be received by them by Virtue of this or any other Act of Assembly also on the Subject Matter of the amendments made to the Engrossed Bill to empower the Commissioners therein named to put up to Sale for the benefit

of the publick the Ferry over Great ogechee River for a Term of Years and to Authorize the said Commissioners to Inspect and regulate the said Ferry reported that the Committee had Joined a Committee of the upper House in Conference and had taken the Matters recommended to them under consideration and that the committee of the upper House had receded from some of their amendments and Adhered to others which the Committee had directed him to report to the House and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where it was again read

The House Accordingly took the same into consideration and Resolved that this House doth not agree in the amendments made by the upper House to the Bill to amend and continue an Act to oblige Masters of Vessels Supercargoes and other Transient persons importing Goods and Merchandise into this province to pay Tax for the same and to oblige the Treasurer and Collector of Country duties to give Security for the due performance of their office and for Monies that may be received by them by Virtue of this or any other Act of Assembly and that this House doth agree to the alterations made by their Committee of the said Conference in the amendments made by the upper House to the Bill to empower the Commissioners therein named to put up to Sale for the benefit of the publick the Ferry over great ogechee river for a Term of Years and to Authorize the said Commissioners to Inspect and regulate the said Ferry

M^r Shruder from the Committee appointed to Join a Committee of the upper House in conference on the Subject Matter of the amendments made by their House to the Bill to Ascertain the Manner and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this province in the commons House of Assembly, Also on the subject Matter of amendments made to the Bill to empower

Commissioners or Surveyors to lay out make and repair the roads already laid out or may hereafter be Necessary and also to clear the rivers and Creeks within their respective divisions also reported that the Committee had Joined a Committee of the upper House in Conference and had taken the Matters recommended to them under consideration and that the Committee of the upper House had receded from some of their amendments and Adhered to others which the Committee had Directed him to report to the House and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where it was again read

The House Accordingly took the same into Consideration and Resolved that this House doth not agree to the second Amendment made by the upper House to the Bill to ascertain the Manner and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this province in the Commons House of Assembly and therefore proceeded no further upon the Other amendments and that this House doth agree to the Alterations made by their Committee at the said conference in the Amendments made by the upper House to the Bill to empower commissioners or Surveyors to lay out make and repair the roads already laid out or may hereafter be necessary and also to Clear the rivers and Creeks within their respective divisions

ORDERED that Mr Shruder do acquaint the upper House that this House have agreed to the alterations made by their Committee at the Conference made by their House to the Bill to empower Commissioners or Surveyors To lay out make and repair the roads already laid out or may hereafter be Necessary and also to clear the rivers and Creeks within their Respective divisions; and also to the Alterations made by their Committee at the conference in the amendments made by their House to the Bill to empower the Commissioners therein named to put up to sale

for the benefit of the publick the Ferry over great ogeechee River for a Term of Years and to authorize the Said Commissioners to Inspect and regulate the said Ferry. And that M^r Shruder do likewise acquaint the upper House that this House doth disagree to the amendments made by their House to the Bill entitled an Act to ascertain the manner and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this province in the Commons House of Assembly and doth also disagree to the amendments made by their House and therefore proceeded no further upon the other amendments to the Bill to amend and continue an Act to oblige Masters of Vessels, Super-cargoes and other Transient persons importing Goods and Merchandise into this province to pay Tax for the same, and to oblige the Treasurer and Collector of the Country duties to give Security for the due performance of their office and for Monies that may be received by them By Virtue of this or any other act of this Province

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take under Consideration the Estimate and publick Accounts and after sometime spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Clay from the Committee reported they had taken the said Estimate and Accounts under consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED that the Committee have Leave to sit again

And then the House adjourned until To morrow morning Eight of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Friday 6th August 1773

ORDERED that the agent for this province be Instructed by the Committee of Correspondence to make application to Government in behalf of the Settlers on the Lands claimed by the Assigns of Sir William Baker as being within the Limits of a Certain Barony said to be in the parish of Christ Church and supposed to be heretofore run by Virtue of a Grant from the late Lords proprietors of South Carolina and that he be further Instructed if Necessary to beseech his most sacred Majesty that he will be graciously pleased to direct an Equivalent In Lands or such other recompense as may be Judged proper to be given to the Claimants of the said Barony in Lieu thereof as in his great wisdom he shall think fit and that the agent be furnished, with every necessary direction and Document relating to the said Barony and the Settlers thereon which may Tend to promote the Success of his application and petition

M^r Stirk from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to regulate and ascertain the rates of Wharfage of Shipping and Merchandise and Also to Ascertain the rates of Storage in the Several ports of this province and for the better regulation of Wharves and of Shipping in the said ports and for ascertaining the duty of an Harbour Master for the port of Savannah, reported, that they had prepared the Same which was received and read the first time and Ordered to be read a second time

The Order of the day for Reading a third time the Ordinance appointing the Honorable Grey Elliott Esquire Agent to Solicit the affairs of this province in Great Britain in case of the absence of Benjamin Franklin Esquire from Great Britain being Read the said Ordinance was

Accordingly Read a Third time and some Amendments were made thereto by the House the Question being put Whither the said Ordinance Shou'd pass it passed in the affirmative the Members for the Question were Sir Patrick Houstoun, M^r Simpson, M^r Stirk, M^r Henry Yonge, M^r Jamieson M^r Law, M^r Netherclift, M^r Shruder, M^r Carter, M^r Barnard M^r Maxwell and M^r I. Young the Members against the Question were M^r Brown, M^r Sallens, Doct^r Jones, M^r Clay, M^r Hall, M^r Treutlen, M^r Le Conte M^r Powell, M^r Zubly and M^r Bourquine

ORDERED that M^r Netherclift do carry the same to the upper House and desire their Concurrence

A petition from several Masters and Owners of Vessels of the Town and Harbour of Savannah was presented to the House and Read Setting forth that the petitioners are of Opinion that the Laws and Regulations of this province which respect the Trade and Navigation of the said Town and harbour of Savannah are Insufficient for the purpose for which they were made as Several of the petitioners have already experienced by prosecutions under a Law of the province for doing that which Many persons had publickly done before, with impunity Whereby they are Subjected to Costs and damages which they think a very great hardship as they are not only Ignorant of any prohibition but have many Recent precedents for their Conduct and further they conceive that Laws which are of such frequent use, and are of such importance, shou'd be made as publick as possible and which if not soon Remedied the petitioners apprehend will be very detrimental to the Trade and Navigation of the province by discouraging persons from abroad Trading thereto that the Petitioners conceive nothing can contribute so much to the Welfare of the province as the extension of its Trade and Commerce and which they are persuaded cannot be Attained without encouraging a defusive Trade from abroad, but,

that while the Laws and Regulations are so exceedingly difficult for the Information and protection of the persons and property of those concerned or who may be concerned in such Trade it cannot be Expected that any such Extention can soon happen

That the petitioners believe it will not be difficult to have such Methods printed Out as will Tend to the Remedying the Grievance complained of and at the same time effectually promote the Commercial Interest of the province When the House doth think fit to enquire into a Matter of such importance as its Navigation Trade and Riches, That the petitioners are convinced the Laws already made for these purposes (though they conceive them to be deficient) Have not been Generally enforced and put into execution, Whereby they have not only proved ineffectual to answer the ends proposed by them, but also, by such a Relaxation in the executive department of Justice distructive to the Navigation of the Port, and of consequence to the Trade and Commerce of the Province in consideration therefore of the premisses and of the particular prejudices hardships and Dangers which must too often inevitably Attend the Petitioners and the Merchants and Traders, Masters and Owners of Vessels who do or may Trade from the province the petitioners therefore pray the House to take the Laws already made for the Regulation of the Trade and Navigation of the Province into their deliberate and Judicious consideration and to make such amendments to them as may be deemed fit and that the same Shall afterwards be published in such publick Manner as the House shall think proper for the Information of Strangers and others and the petitioners will ever pray &c

ORDERED that the said Petition do lie on the Table to be perused by the Members

The House Resolved itself into a Committee to take

under consideration the Estimate and publick Accounts and after sometime spent therein M^r Speaker Resumed the Chair and M^r Clay from the Committee Reported they had taken the said Estimate and Accounts under consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED that the Committee have leave to sit again

A Message from the upper House by their Clerk

M^r Speaker

The upper House have agreed to the Bill to ascertain and Regulate publick officers fees, and also the Fees of other persons herein after Mentioned with some amendments to which they desire the concurrence of this House

And then the House Adjourned until Monday Morning Ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday 9th Aug^t 1773

The House took under consideration the amendments made by the upper House to the Bill to Regulate and ascertain Publick officers fees and also the Fees of other persons therein named and agreed to some and disagreed to others

ORDERED that M^r Henry Yonge do carry the Bill to the upper House and Acquaint them that this House have agreed to some of the amendments made by their House to the said Bill and disagreed to others and that this House desires they will appoint a Committee to Join a Commit-

tee of this House in Conference on the Subject matter of the amendments

RESOLVED that the Bill entitled an Act to Regulate and ascertain the Rates of Wharfage of Shipping and Merchandize, and also to Ascertain the Rates of Storage in the several ports of this province and for the better Regulation of Wharves and of shipping in the said ports and for ascertaining the duty of an Harbour Master for the port of Savannah be read a second Time on the Twenty fifth day of November next

The House Resolved itself into a Committee to take under consideration the Estimate and publick Accounts and after sometime spent therein M^r Speaker Resumed the Chair and M^r Clay from the Committee Reported they had taken the said Estimate and Accounts under consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again

ORDERED that the Committee have leave to sit again

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday 10th Augst 1773

ORDERED that the Clerk do write to Francis Brown Esquire to Acquaint him that this House Requires his Immediate Attendance

The Order of the day for taking under Consideration the Treasurer accounts being read The House Resolved itself into a Committee to take the same under considera-

tion and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker Resumed the Chair and M^r Henry Yonge from the Committee Reported that they had taken the said Accounts under consideration and were Ready to make their report when the House please to receive the same

ORDERED that the Committee have leave to make their Report, M^r Henry Yonge accordingly read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where it was again read and is as followeth Viz^t

RESOLVED that it is the opinion of this Committee that upon the Examination of the Treasurer's Accounts laid before the House by the Committee appointed to examine the same that the said Accounts are Just and Regular as to receipts and disbursements but that there has been a great deficiency in the Collection of the General Tax for several years past which they apprehend is owing to the former Tax Acts being defective and the Neglect of the several Collectors

RESOLVED that it is the opinion of this Committee that there has been a deficiency in the Collection of the duty Laid upon Seasoned Negroes from a defect in the Law and the Neglect of the former officers of the out posts

RESOLVED that it is the opinion of this Committee that there has been a Deficiency in the Collecting the duty upon Goods &c Imported from the provinces North of South Carolina from a defect in that Law and the Neglect of the former officers of the out posts

RESOLVED that it is the opinion of this Committee that there has been a deficiency in Collecting Monies from the Impost upon Shipping in the out posts through the Neglect of the former officers

RESOLVED that it is the opinion of this Committee that

there has been also a deficiency in the Collecting of the duty for raising a Store of Gun powder for the defence of the province through the Neglect of the former officers of the said out posts and that the Law for laying a Tax upon Transient Trade is defective

The House Resolved itself into a Committee to take under consideration the Estimate and publick Accounts and after sometime spent therein M^r Speaker Resumed the Chair and M^r Clay from the Committee Reported they had taken the said Estimate and Accounts under consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED that the Committee have leave to sit again

And then the House Adjourned until To-morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday 11th Aug^t 1773

The House Resolved itself into a Committee to take under consideration the Estimate and publick Accounts and after sometime Spent therein M^r Speaker Resumed the Chair and M^r Clay from the Committee Reported that they had taken the said Estimate and Accounts under consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED that the Committee have leave to sit again

A Message from the upper House by their Clerk

M^r Speaker

The upper House have agreed to the Ordinance appointing the Honorable Grey Elliott Esquire agent to Solicit the affairs of this Province in Great Britain in case of the absence of Benjamin Franklin Esquire from great Britain with some amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday 12th Augst 1773

The House met According to Adjournment and adjourned until Tomorrow Morning Ten of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday 13th August 1773

The House met according to adjournment and adjourned until Monday Morning Ten of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday 16th August 1773

The House met according to Adjournment ^(sic) adjourned until Tomorrow Morning Eight of the Clock

Tuesday 17th Augst 1773

The House met according to Adjournment and adjourned until Tomorrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(From *B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday 18th Augst 1773

A Memorial from James Mossman Esquire was presented to the House and Read setting forth that the Memorialist a Candidate at the Election holden on the 12th and 13th Instant for a Member for the Town and district of Savannah begs leave to observe to the Honorable House that the several Voters at the said Election for Samuel Farley Esquire the other Candidate were Entitled by his Majestys Grants to no more than five and forty Acres of Land in the said district as your Memorialist has been informed and which the Memorialist apprehends to be Insufficient to entitle them to a Vote—the Election Law Expressly declaring the Necessary Qualification To be a *legal* possession of Fifty Acres of Land—

When the Memorialist considers that the Interest and Welfare of this province (in which he has a considerable property) depending upon an Equal Representation he cannot but be uneasy, when he sees men upon a presumption proceeding from a Grant of forty five Acres of Land declaring themselves to be legally possessed of Fifty the Memorialist (in Justice to himself and his Country) must further observe that possession does not constitute a Right That legality is Necessary for without possession can only be a Temporary Claim a Claim Subject to the will and pleasure of the Sovereign whose Gift and Grant Alone can constitute a Right the Memorialist further begs

leave to observe that several of the Voters for Samuel Farley Esquire as he has been Informed hold no other Lands within the district of Savannah Save and except Lands within a Certain Barony Claimed by Sir William Baker of the City of London Knite which the Memorialist apprehends cannot entitle them to a Vote, their possession not being that legal One meant by the Election Law, The Memorialist is the more convinced That it will be the sence of the House as he finds by an Act of the Legislature of this province entitled an Act for Limitations of Actions and for avoiding Suits in Law the Claim of the said Sir William Baker is preserved which plainly shews that it was the Sence of the whole Legilature at the time of passing of that Act—That the possession of the several persons claiming Land within that Barony was not *Legal* The Memorialist with the greatest defference further Mentions to the House that Several Freeholders of this Parish wou'd have Voted for him had the district Line been properly Ascertained and shoud those Gentlemens Lands that offered their Votes in favour of the Memorialist prove to be within the district he Makes not the least doubt but that the House will deem them Good and add them to the list of Voters entered on the Poll

The Memorialist therefor Expects that *Redress* in this particular case (a case of the Tenderest Nature) which common Justice must admit of, and Equity Entitle him to—and prays that the House will take the Poll under consideration as that alone can determine the Legal Representative for the Town and district of Savannah and that the Memorialist hopes that this House will not permit the said Samuel Farley Esq^r to sit as a member until the Matters above Represented are fully Enquired Into

The House having taken the said Memorial into consideration and it appearing to the House that a Scruteny had been demanded and not made

RESOLVED that the said Return is Imperfect

ORDERED that the provost Marshal be directed to amend the said Return by immediately causing a Scrutiny to be made and report to this House the name of such Candidate as shall appear after such Scrutiny to have a Majority of Legal Votes

The House Resolved itself into a Committee to take under consideration the Estimate and publick Accounts and after sometime spent therein M^r Speaker Resumed the Chair and M^r Clay from the Committee Reported that they had taken the said Estimate and Accounts under consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED, That the Committee have leave to sit again

ORDERED that M^r Speaker do Issue his Warrant to take Francis Brown Esquire a Member of this House into the Custody of the Messenger of the House for his absenting himself Without leave of the House

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday 19th August 1773

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take into consideration the Bill Entitled an Act to Enforce the payment of the Arrears of Taxes due in this Province from persons holding or Claiming to hold Lands by Virtue of and under Grants Signed by the Governor of South Carolina in the Year of our Lord 1763 and after Some time spent therein M^r Speaker Resumed the Chair

and M^r Henry Yonge from the Committee Reported that they had taken the Said Bill into further Consideration gone through the same, and made several amendments thereto, which they had directed him to Report to the House and he Read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again Read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED that the Bill with the amendments be Engrossed

Sir Patrick Houstoun from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to Continue the Several Laws therein Mentioned reported they had prepared the same which was Received and read the first Time and Ordered to be read a Second Time

The House took under consideration the amendments made by the upper House to the Ordinance appointing the Honorable Grey Elliott Esquire agent to Solicit the affairs of this province in Great Britain in case of the absence of Benjamin Franklin Esquire from Great Britain and agreed to the same

ORDERED that M^r Shruder do acquaint the upper House therewith

The House Resolved itself into a Committee to take under Consideration the Estimate and publick Accounts and after sometime spent therein M^r Speaker Resumed the Chair and M^r Clay from the Committee Reported that they had taken the said Estimate and Accounts into further Consideration had gone through the same and come to Several Resolutions which the Committee had directed him to Report to the House and he Read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered the same in at the Table where it was again read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED that a Committee of Ways and Means be appointed for Raising and Granting to his Majesty the sum of £ ^(sic) for defraying the Expence of this Government agreeable to the Report of the Accounts Allowed From the 29th of September 1770 to the 29th September 1773 Committed to M^r Shruder M^r Le Conte, M^r Simpson, M^r Netherclift, M^r Andrew, M^r Clay and doct^r Jones

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in a Bill for granting to his Majesty the sum of £ ^(sic) for the use and Support of the province of Georgia for the Years, 1771-1772 and 1773 to be raised at certain Rates and after the Method therein Mentioned and for the more Effectual collecting of Arrears and that M^r Shruder, M^r Le Conte, M^r Simpson M^r Netherclift, M^r Andrew, M^r Clay, and Doct^r Jones do prepare and bring in the same

M^r Speaker Informed the House that he wou'd on Tuesday Next offer for a third Reading the Bill to enforce the payment of the Arrears of Taxes due in this province from persons holding or Claiming to hold Lands by Virtue of and under Grants signed by the Governor of South Carolina in the year of Our Lord 1763

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday 20th August 1773

The House met according to adjournment and adjourned until Monday Morning Ten of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday 23rd Augst 1773

ORDERED that the Clerk do write to Joseph Law Esquire and Acquaint him that the House not deeming his Excuse Sufficient Requires his Immediate Attendance

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday 24th Augst 1773

ORDERED that the Clerk do write to John Jamieson Esquire, and Acquaint him that the House Requires his immediate Attendance

A Memorial of William Lyford Pilot for the Bar and Port of Savannah was presented to the House and Read Setting forth that the Memorialist hath for Many Years last past Acted as Pilot for the said Bar and port and flatters himself that he hath during such time given Satisfaction to the publick

That the Memorialist hath always been obliged in Order to carry on the said Business properly to keep a Considerable Sum of Money employed in Boats Negroes and other Articles And wo'd not have found the Pilotage equal to the Interest of his Money had it not been for the bounty given by the House

That the Memorialist hath hitherto been allowed by the province thirty Shillings for every Ship or Vessel (Coasters Excepted) which he Boarded at Sea and Brought into port and though the sum provided hath frequently been

Insufficient for the purpose, yet the Deficiency hath always been made up in the Next Tax Bill That in the Year 1769 the sum of one Hundred pounds Sterling *only* being provided for the purpose of his said bounty—The Memorialist threw in a Memorial to the subsequent House in the Year 1770 and that House Resolved that they would provide a Sum Sufficient to allow the Memorialist and others the Pilots of this province after the Rate of Thirty Shillings for every ship or Vessel Boarded and brought in as aforesaid and that the said sum of one Hundred pounds should only go in aid of the same

That there being no House of Assembly or Sessions since that time and there being no limitted time mentioned in the said Resolution the Memorialist continued upon the faith of the Said Resolution and depending upon the Justice of any House that might thereafter be, to Act as a Pilot, and hath lately rendered to the House a true Account of all such Vessels, as under the said Resolution he apprehended himself Entitled to the Bounty upon, but to his great Surprize hath been Informed that the said Account is much curtailed Nay a sum equal to half thereof struck off

That the Memorialist in the said Service of a pilot since his coming into this Province hath met with Several very heavy Lossess to the Amount of at least fifteen Hundred pounds Sterling and hath never received any Compensation or assistance from the publick for the same except one Hundred pounds some time since Voted the Memorialist

That the Memorialist humbly conceives himself as well Entitled to the full amount of his Account as many others in a Similar predicament whose Accounts have been allowed and as he Relies upon the Justice of the House he

Humbly prays that the premisses being Enquired into, the Matter of his Account may be reconsidered and that such Relief and assistance may be granted to him as the House in their Wisdom and Justice shall seem meet

ORDERED that the said Memorial do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

RESOLVED that the Order of the day for a third Reading of the Bill Entitled an Act to enforce the payment of the Arrears of Taxes due in this province from persons holding or Claiming to hold Lands by Virtue of and under Grants signed by the Governor of South Carolina in the year of our Lord 1763 be adjourned over until Tomorrow Morning

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday 25th Augst 1773

M^r Shruder from the Committee appointed to consider of Ways and Means for raising the sum of £ ^(sic) for defraying the Expence of this Government for the Current Year Reported they had considered the same and had come to a Resolution which the Committee had directed him to Report to the House and he read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where it was again read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in a Bill for granting to his Majesty the sum of £ ^(sic) and for empowering the Commissioners therein Named to Stamp Imprint Sign and Issue paper Certificates to the Amount of the said Sum of £ ^(sic) for the uses and purposes therein

Mentioned and that M^r Shruder and M^r Simpson do prepare and bring in the same

The Bill to enforce the payment of the Arrears of Taxes due in this Province from persons holding or claiming to hold Lands by Virtue of and under Grants signed by the Governor of South Carolina in the year of our Lord 1763 was According to Order Read a third time

RESOLVED that the Bill do pass

ORDERED that M^r Simpson do Carry the said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence

The Bill for granting to his Majesty the sum of £ ^(sic) for the use and Support of the province of Georgia for the Year 1773 to be Raised at certain Rates and after the Method therein Mentioned and for the more Effectual collecting of Arrears was Read the first time and Ordered to be read a second time

M^r Shruder from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for Granting to his Majesty the sum of £ ^(sic) and for empowering the Commissioners therein Named to Stamp Imprint Sign and Issue paper Certificates to the amount of the said Sum of £ for the uses and purposes therein Mentioned, Reported, they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and Ordered to be read a Second time

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in a Bill to oblige Masters of Vessels and other Transient persons Importing Goods and Merchandise to pay Tax for the same and to compell the persons directed to receive the same to give Security for the due performance of their office and for Monies that may be received by them by Virtue of any Act of this province and that M^r Henry Yonge and M^r Clay do prepare and bring in the same

A Petition from a Number of Merchants and others residing in and about the Town of Sunbury was presented to the House and read Setting forth that the Town of Sunbury is now become a place of considerable Trade and is consequently Resorted to by a Number of Shipping

That great inconveniences have hitherto arose and very great losses frequently and lately been sustained for want of a proper Beacon or Land Mark to direct Vessels coming into the said port of Sunbury which losses have already been extreamly prejuditial and may eventually prove distructive to the Trade of the said port, if not prevented by the timely interposition of the Legislature

That some of the petitioners have been at the Trouble of precuring from South Carolina an exact plan and Estimate of Expence of the Beacon lately Erected there and find that Six Hundred pounds Sterling will be a sum Sufficient, for this purpose after obtaining a fit spot of Ground for the Erecting the same on That the Petitioners apprehend the most proper Place is upon the Island of Saint Catharines belonging to Button Gwinnett Esquire who the petitioners conceive will have no objection to selling to the publick so small a spot as will be required the petitioners therefore pray the House will take the premisses into consideration and do therein as to the House will seem meet

ORDERED that the said petition do lie on the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

A Message from the upper House by their Clerk

Upper House of Assembly 11th of Augst 1773

M^r Speaker

In Answer to the Message from your House of this day desiring this House will appoint a Committee to Join a

Committee of your House in Conference on the Subject Matter of the amendments made by this House to the Bill Entitled an Act to Ascertain and Regulate public officers fees, and also the fees of other persons therein Mentioned, doth agree to the said conference and have appointed a Committee Accordingly to Meet in the Room adjoining the Council Chamber on Thursday 26th day of this Instant August at Eleven oClock in the forenoon Committee The Honorable James Edward Powell Anthony Stokes and James Hume Esquires

ORDERED that a Committee be appointed to Join a Committee of the uper House in Conference on the Subject Matter of the amendments made by the House to the said Bill and a Committee was appointed accordingly Committed to M^r Henry Yonge, M^r Simpson, Doct^r Jones, M^r Clay, and M^r Carter agreeable to an Order of the House of the 18th Instant the provost Marshal attended and made the following Report Viz^t

I Joseph Farley Returning officer do certify to the Honorable the Speaker and the Members of the Commons House of Assembly That agreeable to an Order of the said House I did proceed to hold a Scrutiny on the 23rd of this Instant as demanded by James Mossman Esquire one of the Candidates at an Election held for a Representative for the Town of Savannah on the 12th and 13th of this Instant and that upon such Scrutiny I do find that Samuel Farley Esquire has a Majority of undisputed Votes

JOSEPH FARLEY D. A. P. M.

Samuel Farley Esquire Elected and returned for the Town and district of Savannah in the parish of Christ Church proved himself duly Qualified to Serve as a Representative According to the Terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly and then took the Oaths

and made and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took his Seat

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Thursday 26th August 1773

M^r Henry Yonge from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to oblige Masters of Vessels and other Transient Persons importing Goods and Merchandise to pay Tax for the same and to compel persons directed to receive the same to give Security for the due performance of their office and for Monies that may be received by them by Virtue of any Act of this province Reported they had prepared the same which was Received and Read the first time and Ordered to be read a second time

The House Resolved itself into a Committee to take into consideration a Bill for clearing of Savannah River from the Town of Savannah upwards and for laying a duty upon Boats Trading on and Rafts coming down the same and after some time Spent therein M^r Speaker Resumed the Chair and M^r Henry Yonge from the Committee Reported that they had taken the said Bill under consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED that the Committee have leave to sit again

And then the House Adjourned until To-morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday 27th August 1773

The Bill for granting to his Majesty the sum of £ ^(sic) for the use and support of the province of Georgia for the year 1773 to be raised at certain Rates and after the Method therein Mentioned and for the more effectual collecting of Arrears was Read a second time and Ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Tuesday Next Resolved that when the House do think proper that letters wrote by order of the House be immediately Sent to any Member the Messenger shall be Allowed Mileage at the same Rate as for Warrants and that leaving the same at the usual place of abode of such member shall be deemed a Sufficient Service

The Bill for granting to his Majesty the sum of £ ^(sic) and for empowering the Commissioners therein Named to Stamp imprint Sign and Issue paper Certificates to the amount of the said Sum of £ ^(sic) for the uses and purposes therein Mentioned was read a second time and Ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House

The House Accordingly Resolved itself into a Committee to take under consideration the Said Bill and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker Resumed the Chair and M^r Shruder from the Committee Reported they had taken the said Bill into consideration gone through the same and made Several Amendments thereto which they directed him to Report to the House and he Read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again Read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED that the Bill with the amendments be Engrossed

M^r Speaker then Informed the House that he wou'd on Monday next offer the said Bill for a third Reading And then the House adjourned until Monday Morning Ten of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Monday 30th Augst 1773

The Engrossed Bill for granting to his Majesty the sum of four Thousand Two hundred and Ninety Nine Pounds Eight Shillings and a penny Half penny and for empowering the Commissioners therein Named to Stamp Imprint Sign and Issue paper Certificates to the amount of the said Sum for the uses and purposes therein Mentioned was According to Order Read the third time

RESOLVED that the Bill do Pass

ORDERED that M^r Shruder do Carry the said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

The Bill to oblige Masters of Vessels and other Transient Persons Importing Goods and Merchandise to pay Tax for the same and to compel the persons directed to Receive the same to give Security for the due Performance of their office and for Monies that may be Received by them by Virtue of any Act of this Province was Read a Second Time and Ordered to be Committed to a Committee of the Whole House

The House accordingly Resolved itself into a Committee to take into Consideration the said Bill and after sometime spent therein M^r Speaker Resumed the Chair and M^r Henry Yonge from the Committee Reported they had taken the said Bill into consideration gone through the same and made Several amendments thereto and he

read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered The Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED that the Bill with the amendments be En-grossed

M^r Speaker then Informed the House that he wou'd on Wednesday next offer the said Bill for a third reading.

ORDERED that M^r Farley be added to the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for raising a fund to Support a Watch in the Town of Savannah

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Tuesday 31st Augst 1773

Agreeable to the Order of the Order ^(sic) of the day the House resolved itself into a Committee to take into consideration the Bill for granting to his Majesty the Sum of £ ^(sic) for the use and Support of the province of Georgia for the Year 1773 to be raised at certain rates and after the Method therein Mentioned and for the More effectual collecting of Arrears and after Sometime spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Shruder from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill under consideration made some progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED that the Committee have Leave to sit again

A Message from the upper House by their Clerk

M^r Speaker

The upper House have passed a Bill to explain and amend an Act Entitled an Act for ascertaining the Qualification of Jurors and for Establishing the Method of Ballotting and Summoning of Jurors in the province of Georgia and to enable the General Court and Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal delivery, to Issue out Writs of Fieri Facias against the real and personal Estates of defaulting Jurors and to oblige the prothonotary to give Notice in the publick Gazettee of the Names of all Jurors fined for delinquency to which they desire the Concurrence of this House

The said Bill being read the first time was ordered to be read a Second time

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday Sept^r 1st 1773

The Order of the day for the third reading of a Bill to oblige Masters of Vessels and other Transient persons importing Negroes or other Slaves Goods Wares and Merchandise to pay Tax for the same and to compel the persons directed to receive the same to give Security for the due performance of their office and for Monies that may Be received by them by Virtue of any Act of this province being read— The said Bill was Accordingly read and some amendments were made thereto

RESOLVED that the Bill do pass

ORDERED that M^r Farley do carry the same to the upper House and desire their concurrence thereto

RESOLVED that this House will provide towards the Establishment of a Watch in the Town of Savannah in The General Tax one half of the Expence arising for the same, conditionally, that the said half shall not exceed the sum of Two Hundred and Twenty five pounds

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take under consideration the Bill for granting to his Majesty the sum of £ ^(sic) for the use and support of the province of Georgia for the Year 1773 to be raised at certain rates and after the Method therein Mentioned and for the more effectual collecting of Arrears and after some time Spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Shruder from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into consideration made some progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to Sit again

ORDERED that the Committee have leave to sit again

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday 2^d Sept^{mr} 1773

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take into consideration the Bill for Granting to his Majesty the sum of £ ^(sic) for the use and Support of the province of Georgia for the Year 1773 to be raised at certain rates and after the Method therein mentioned and for the more Effectual collecting of Arrears, and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Shruder from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into consideration and made some further progress

therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED that the Committee have leave to sit again

M^r Clay from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for raising a fund to Support a Watch in the Town of Savannah reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first Time and Ordered to be read a Second Time

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday 3rd Sept^r 1773

A Memorial from James Muter was presented to the House and read in the Words following Viz^t

GEORGIA To the Honorable William Young Esquire Speaker and to the rest of the Members of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province aforesaid in General Assembly met

The Memorial of James Muter

Humbly Sheweth

That your Memorialist is sole owner and proprietor of a plantation or piece of Land within the Village of Highgate near the Town of Savannah where he usually cuts Lumber for the Savannah Market that your Memorialist for the More Easy Conveyance of his said Lumber to Market has at a very considerable expence made a Road through part of his own Land to fall into the publick Road that leads from Acton to Town and has from time

to time at his own Expence kept the same in repair that some time past Thomas Netherclift of Savannah Merchant who is Settling a Rice plantation adjoining your Memorialist's Lands applied to the Commissioners of the said road to lay out and Establish the aforementioned road of your Memorialist as a private Road for him the said Thomas Netherclift that your Memorialist upon receiving a Written Notice from the said Commissioners directing him to open the said road for the said Thomas Netherclift applied to them and laid his case before them who were unanimous in Opinion that a Committee of them should go and lay out a private path for the said Thomas Netherclift which they accordingly did soon after having brought a Surveyor with them for that purpose which said Road Runs thro Part of your Memorialist's Land that your Memorialist has been Informed that by a Clause of a Bill now before your House his road is Established as a private Road for the said Thomas Netherclift notwithstanding what the Commissioners have already done by which means the said Thomas Netherclift will have two private paths through your Memorialist's Land your Memorialist humbly begs leave to observe that he has been always led to believe that agreeable to the Spirit of the British Constitution no man can be deprived of his Freehold but by the Judgment of his Peers unless he commits some breach of the Law to forfeit it and that the Legislature itself cannot deprive him of his property without giving him an equivalent for it that in Great Britain the parliament never takes away the property to make publick Roads for other publick uses without giving the Individual a pecuniary consideration for it and that it is never done even then, unless for the benefit of the Community in General and upon this principal that the Good of a Single individual ought to yield to that of the publick, your Memorialist begs leave to observe that in the present case he will be deprived of

his Freehold against his consent without having done any Act to forfeit it and Will not have any Equivalent for it and that too, not for the Good of the publick in General but to serve the purpose or Caprice of a Single Individual who your Memorialist is Informed has given out that he will spend a Thousand pounds rather than not have the said Road established your Memorialist begs leave to observe that notwithstanding he deemed it a hard case for the Commissioners to take away part of his Lands as before is set forth yet he Acquiesced because the Law of the province seemed to give them an Authority so to do and he was unwilling to do any Act that had the appearance of flying in the face of the laws of his Country but should the present Law pass as it stands he will think his case peculiarly hard your Memorialist therefore under the particular Circumstances above set forth prays that he may be heard at the Bar of the House either by himself or Councel against the said Clause of the Act and that the House will render him Such other relief as in their wisdom shall seem meet

And your Memorialist as in duty bound
will ever pray

(Signed) JAMES MUTER

RESOLVED Nem Con that the said Memorial of James Muter is a most Insolent and daring attack on the dignity and privileges of this House calculated to reflect on the representatives of the people and to Insinuate that they have been biased in their Legislative Capacity by the most detestable principals of Injustice and partiality

ORDERED that the said Memorial be immediately burned in the Square before the door of this House, also,

ORDERED that M^r Speaker do Issue his Warrant to take

the said James Muter immediately, into the Custody of the Messenger of this House

ORDERED that the Clerk do write to John Baker Esquire and Acquaint him that the House requires his immediate attendance

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take into consideration the Bill for Granting to his Majesty the sum of £^(sic) for the use and support of the province of Georgia for the Year 1773 to be raised at certain rates and after the Method therein Mentioned and for the more Effectual collecting of Arrears and after sometime Spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Shruder from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into consideration gone through the same and made Several amendments thereto and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

RESOLVED that the Title of the said Bill be a Bill for granting to his Majesty the sum of five thousand one Hundred and Seventy one pounds fifteen Shillings and Ten pence half penny for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the Year 1773 to be raised at Certain rates and after the Method therein mentioned and for the more effectual collecting of Arrears

ORDERED that the Bill with the amendments be Engrossed

M^r Speaker then Informed the House that he would on Tuesday next offer the said Bill for a third reading

Motion being made that a bounty of thirty Shillings on each Vessel for the encouragement of Pilots in this province on boarding each Vessel over the Bar of Tybee

be continued a debate arising thereon and it passed in the Negative

RESOLVED that Francis Brown Esquire a Member of this House be Expelled for Contemptuously absenting himself from his duty in the House

ORDERED that an Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor requesting him to give directions for a Writ to be Issued for the Parish of Saint Patrick for the Electing of a Member in the room of Francis Brown Esquire who is Expelled the House and that Sir Patrick Houstoun and M^r Le Conte do wait on his Excellency with the said Address

And then the House adjourned until Monday Morning Ten of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday 6th Sept^r 1773

The House met according to Adjournment and adjourned until tomorrow Morning Ten of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday 7th Sept^r 1773

The Bill for granting to his Majesty the Sum of five thousand one Hundred and Seventy one pounds fifteen Shillings and Ten pence half penny for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the Year 1773 to be raised at Certain rates and after the Method therein mentioned and for the more effectual collecting of Ar-

rears was agreeable to Order read a third time and Some amendments were made thereto

RESOLVED that the Bill do pass

ORDERED that M^r Jamieson do Carry the same to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

Sir Patrick Houstoun from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor with an Address requesting him to give directions for a Writ to be Issued for the Electing of a Member for the parish of Saint Patrick in the room of Francis Brown Esquire who is Expelled the House reported that he with M^r Le Conte had agreeable to Order waited on the Governor with the said Address and that his Excellency was pleased to say he would give Orders for that purpose

The House being Informed that Edward Barnard Esquire one of the representatives for the Town of Augusta and parish of Saint Paul cannot properly any longer remain a Member of this House

RESOLVED that the seat of the said Edward Barnard Esquire be deemed Vacant

ORDERED that an Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor requesting that he will be pleased to Order a Writ to be Issued for Electing a Member to serve in the Commons House of Assembly for the Town of Augusta and parish of Saint paul in the room of Edward Barnard Esquire whose seat is deemed Vacant and that M^r Thomas Young and M^r Hall do wait on his Excellency with the said Address

A Message from the upper House by their Clerk

M^r Speaker

The upper House have agreed to a Bill Entituled an Act to Enforce the payment of Arrears of Taxes due in this province from persons holding or Claiming to hold Lands by Virtue of and under Grants Signed by the Governor of South Carolina in the Year of our Lord 1763

A Petition from James Muter was presented to the House and read in the words following Viz^t

To the Honorable the Speaker and the rest of the Members of the Commons House of Assembly of the province of Georgia

The petition of James Muter

Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner is in Custody of the Messenger of your Honorable House for some Expressions which he may have made use of in a Memorial lately presented to the House

That your Petitioner is Sorry any Act or Expression of his shou'd have given offence to the House as it is a thing he never had in Intention

Your petitioner therefore prays he may be heard at the Barr of your Honorable House upon the Occasion

JAMES MUTER

Savannah 7th Septem^r 1773

The petitioner was Accordingly called in and at the Barr of the House declared that he had no Intention in his Memorial to Insult, or reflect upon the House and he was extreamly Sorry anything set forth therein should have given the House the least offence

RESOLVED that the said Excuse is Satisfactory

ORDERED that the petitioner be discharged upon paying his Fees—

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday 8th Sept^r 1773

M^r Thomas Young from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor with an Address requesting him to give directions for a Writ to be Issued for the Electing of a Member to serve in the Commons House of Assembly for the Town of Augusta And Parish of Saint Paul in the room of Edward Barnard Esquire whose seat is deemed Vacant reported that he with M^r Hall had agreeable to Order waited on the Governor with the said Address and that his Excellency was pleased to say he wou'd Accordingly give Orders for that purpose

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take Into consideration the Bill to empower the Commissioners of the General Loan office to Issue a sum of Sixty pounds to make Good a Loss by fire and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Shruder from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill into consideration made some further progress Therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again

ORDERED that the Committee have leave to Sit again

A Message from the upper House by their Clerk

M^r Speaker

The upper House have agreed to a Bill for Granting to his Majesty the sum of Four thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Nine pounds and for Empowering the Commissioners therein Named to Stamp Imprint sign and Issue paper Certificates to the amount of the said Sum for the uses and purposes therein Mentioned

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday 9th Sept^r 1773

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take into consideration the Bill to empower the Commissioners of the General Loan office to Issue a sum of Sixty pounds to make Good a Loss by fire and after Sometime Spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Shruder from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into consideration gone through the same and made Several amendments thereto and he read the report in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

RESOLVED that the Title of the said Bill be a Bill to empower the Commissioners of the General Loan to Stamp reimprint Sign and Issue paper Bills of Credit to the amount of Five Hundred and Twenty pounds Sterling being in Lieu of that sum received by them as Interest Money unappropriated (the Bills of which are obliterated and decayed) by Virtue of an Act Entitled an Act for the Stamping Imprinting Issuing and Making Current the Sum of Seven thousand four Hundred and Ten pounds

in paper Bills of Credit and for applying and Sinking the same and for appropriating the said sum of Five Hundred and Twenty pounds in aid of the General Tax for the Service of the Year 1773 and also for other purposes therein Mentioned

ORDERED that the Bill with the amendments be Engrossed

M^r Speaker then Informed the House that he wou'd offer the same for a third reading Tomorrow Morning

A Bill for raising a fund to support a watch in the Town of Savannah was read a second time and Ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House

The House Accordingly resolved itself into a Committee upon the said Bill and after some time Spent there-in M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Hall from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into consideration made some progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again; Ordered that the Committee have leave to Sit again

And then the House adjourned until Tomorrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Friday 10th Sept^r 1773

The Order of the day for the third reading of a Bill to empower the Commissioners of the General Loan to Stamp reimprint Sign and Issue paper Bills of Credit to the amount of Five Hundred and Twenty pounds Sterling being in lieu of that sum received by them as Interest Money unappropriated (the Bills of which are obliterated

and decayed) by Virtue of an Act entitled an Act for Stamping, imprinting Issuing and making current the sum of Seven thousand four Hundred and Ten pounds in paper Bills of Credit and for Applying and Sinking the same and for appropriating the said sum of five Hundred and Twenty pounds in aid of the General Tax for the service of the Year 1773 and also for other purposes therein Mentioned being read

RESOLVED that the Bill do pass

ORDERED that M^r Shruder do carry the said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

RESOLVED that this House will provide in the next General Tax Bill a sum not exceeding Forty pounds to enable the Commissioners of the General Loan to provide a Clerk and for the Incidental expences of their office (imprinting Bills Included) from the 29th of September 1773 to the 29th September 1774

RESOLVED that a Committee of this House be appointed to Join a Committee of the upper House to burn and destroy such torn and obliterated and defaced Bills as are now in the office of the Commissioners of the General Loan pursuant to the directions contained in an Act Entitled an Act for Stamping, imprinting, Issuing, and Making Current the sum of Seven thousand four Hundred and Ten pounds in paper Bills of Credit and for applying and Sinking the same

ORDERED that M^r Hall do carry the same to the upper House and Acquaint them therewith

ORDERED that M^r Hall, M^r Clay, M^r Simpson, M^r Thomas Young, Doct^r Jones, M^r Shruder, and M^r Farley be a Committee for that purpose

RESOLVED that a Committee be appointed To receive and destroy the Several Certificates in the hands of the Treasurer for which he has credit with the publick in his Accounts allowed by this House

ORDERED that M^r Hall, M^r Clay, M^r Simpson, Doct^r Jones, M^r Shruder, M^r Thomas Young and M^r Farley be a Committee for that purpose

M^r Speaker laid before the House two letters that he had received from the Speaker of the House of Burgesses of Virginia and also of the House of deputies of Rhode Island Inclosing resolutions of their respective Houses, and also the Copy of an Act to prevent Counterfeiting the paper Currency of other Colonies which said resolutions being severally Read and were unanimously approved of and are as follows Viz^t

Virginia March 19th 1773

Sir

I have received the commands of the House of Burgesses of this Colony to transmit to you a Copy of the resolves entered into by them on the Twelfth Instant which they hope will prove of General utility if the other Colonies shall think fit to adopt them they have so fully explained their reasons for forming these resolves that I need not say anything on that point and shall only beg you will lay them before your Assembly as early as possible and request them to appoint some of their Body to communicate from time to time with the Corresponding Committee of Virginia

I am with great Respect your
most Obedient Ser.

PAYTON RANDOLPH

Williamsburgh Virginia April 6th 1773

Sir

This Colony having of late years sustained the greatest Injury by having their paper Currency forged, and it having been represented to Our General Assembly at their last Sessions that the supposed principal Author of this Mischief is an Inhabitant of North Carolina, they Judged it Necessary as well to prevent such dangerous practices in future as to shew their regard for the other Colonies to pass an Act to prevent counterfeiting the paper Currency of Other Colonies, our Governor will Transmit Copies of this Act to the different Governors on the Continent with a request that they would be pleased to recommend it to their Several Assemblies to Enact Laws of the same Import respecting Virginia we have it in Command to furnish the Speakers of the different assemblies with the like Copies and to request the favour of their Countenance and assistance in Accomplishing our wishes upon so important an Occasion we therefore take the liberty of Inclosing you a Copy of the Act, We have the Honor to be Very respectfully— Sir

Your most Obd^t Serv^s

PAYTON RANDOLPH
R: C. NICHOLS
DUDLEY DIGGS

The Resolves of the House of Burgesses of Virginia
Viz^t

Friday the 12th March 13th Geo: 3rd 1773

Upon a Motion made

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the state of the Colony

M^r Speaker left the Chair

M^r Bland took the Char of the Committee

M^r Speaker resumed the Chair

M^r Bland reported from the Committee that they had directed him to make the following report to the House Viz^t

Whereas the minds of his Majestys faithful Subjects in this Colony have been much disturbed by Various rumours and reports of proceedings tending to deprive them of their antient Legal and constitutional Rights

And Whereas the affairs of this Colony are frequently connected with those of Great Britain as well as of the Neighbouring Colonies which renders a Communication of Sentiments, Necessary, in Order therefore to remove their uneasiness and to Quiet the Minds of the people as well as for the other Good purposes above mentioned.

BE IT RESOLVED that a Standing Committee of Correspondence and enquiry be appointed to consist of Eleven persons, to Wit, The Honorable Payton Randolph Esquire, Robert Carter Nichols, Richard Bland, Richard Henry Lee, Benjamin Harrison, Edmund Pendleton, Patrick Henry, Dudley Diggs, Dabney Carr, Archibald Cary and Thomas Jefferson Esquires, any Six of Whom to be a committee whose business it shall be to obtain the most early and authentick intelligence of all such Acts and resolutions of the British parliament or proceedings of Administration as may relate to or effect the British Colonies in America and to keep up and maintain a Correspondence and Communication with our Sister Colonies respecting these Important Considerations and the result of such their proceedings, from time to time to lay before the House

RESOLVED that it be an instruction to the said Committee that they do without delay inform themselves particularly of the principals and authority on which was Constituted a Court of Inquiry said to have been lately held in Rhode Island with powers to Transport persons Accused of offences committed in America to places beyond the Seas to be tried

The said resolutions being Severally read a Second time, were upon the Question Severally put thereupon agreed to by the House Nem: Con:

RESOLVED that the Speaker of this House do Transmit to the Speaker of the different Assemblies of the British Colonies on this Continent Copies of the said Resolutions and desire that they will lay them before their respective Assemblies and request them to appoint some person or persons of their respective Body's to Communicate from time to time with the said Committee

By the House of Burgesses of the Colony of Virginia
Extracted from the Journals

G. Wythe, C. H. B.

Newport May 15th 1773

Sir

Having received a Letter from the Speaker of the House of Burgesses of Virginia Inclosing the resolutions of that patriotic and Illustrious Assembly of the Twelfth of March last and also a Letter from the Committee of Correspondence and inquiry by them appointed I took the Earliest opportunity of laying them before the House of Deputies of this Colony who Immediately entered into the consideration of them, and persuaded that nothing less than a firm and close union of the Colonies in the Most Spirited prudent, and consistant Measures can de-

feat the designs of those who are aiming to deprive them of their inestimable Rights and privileges passed Nemine Contradicente the resolutions of which I have the honor to Inclose you a Copy I must request the favour of you to lay them before your House of representatives as soon as possible

I am with great Respect

Your Most Obd^t Ser^t

METCALF BOWLER

May 7th 1773 In the House of deputies

RESOLVED that a standing Committee of Correspondence and Inquiry be Appointed to consist of Seven persons, to wit, The Honorable Stephen Hopkins Esquire Metcalf Bowler Moses Brown, John Cole, William Bradford, Henry Ward, and Henry Merchant Esquires any four of whom to be a Committee whose business it shall be to obtain the Most early and Authentick Intelligence of all such Acts and resolutions of the British parliament or proceeding of Administration as may relate to or effect the British Colonies in America and to keep up and maintain a Correspondance and Communication with our Sister Colonies respecting these Important considerations and the result of such their proceedings from time to time to lay before this House

Voted ~~¶~~^r Order

J. LYNDON, Clerk

May 7th 1773 in the House of Deputies

Whereas this House hath appointed a Committee of Correspondence with Committee's of the other Colonies in North America respecting the rights and privileges of

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the Colonies &c it is therefore Resolved by this House that his Honor the Governor be requested to deliver the Committee a Copy of his Commission as one of the Judges of the Court of Enquiry constituted from home, and said to be held in this Colony and of all such other papers which were laid Before said Court as may be consistant with his Honor as Governor of this Colony

Voted \oplus^r

JOSIAS LYNDON Clerk

May 7th 1773 In the House of deputies

RESOLVED that the speaker of this House be requested to write to the Speaker of the House of Burgesses in Virginia and to all other Speakers of Assembly in North America Informing them of the proceeding of this House relating to the preservation of the rights of the Colonies

Voted \oplus^r Order

J. LYNDON Clerk

The afore written is a True Copy of three Votes of the House of deputies or lower House of Assembly of the Colony of Rhode Island

Josth LYNDON Clerk

RESOLVED Nem Con that Mr Speaker and any five of the Committee of Correspondence be a Committee to enquire for and obtain the Earliest Intillegence of the many Important Matters contained in the said Several resolutions and that they likewise do from time to time correspond with the respective Committees that now are or may be appointed by the Houses of representatives on this Continent—

RESOLVED Nem Con that the Thanks of this House be Transmitted to the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Burgesses of Virginia and also to the Honorable the speaker and Members of the House of deputies of Rhode Island for communicating their Intentions firmly to Support the rights and Privileges of his Majesty's faithful and loyal Subjects in America and also to the Honorable Payton Randolph Esquire Robert Carter Nichols and Duley Diggs Esquires for Transmitting to this House a Copy of the above mentioned Act

ORDERED that leave be giving to bring in a Bill to prevent Counterfeiting the paper Money of other his Majesty's Colonies or provinces in America and that M^r Shruder, Doct^r Jones, and M^r Thomas Young be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same

M^r Shruder from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in the said Bill reported that they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and Ordered to be read a second time

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take into a consideration the Bill for raising a Fund to support a Watch in the Town of Savannah and after some time spent (^{atc}) M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Hall from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED that the Committee have leave to sit again

And then the House adjourned untill Tomorrow Morning Eight ^oClock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Saturday 11th Sept^r 1773

The Bill to prevent counterfeiting the paper Money of his Majesty's Colonies or provinces in America was read a second Time and Ordered to be Engrossed

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take into consideration the Bill to Continue the Several Laws therein Mentioned and after some time spent therein M^r Speaker Resumed the Chair and Sir Patrick Houstoun from the Committee Reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration gone through the same and made several amendments thereto and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED that the Bill with the amendments be Engrossed

M^r Speaker then Informed the House that he wou'd on Tuesday next offer the same for a third reading

A Message from the upper House by their Clerk

M^r Speaker

The upper House have agreed to the Bill to oblige Masters of Vessels and other Transient Persons importing Goods and Merchandise to pay Tax for the same and to compell the persons directed to receive the same to give Security for the due performance of their office and for Monies that may be received by them by Virtue of any Act of this Province—

And then the House adjourned until Monday Morning Ten of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Monday 13th Sept^r 1773

The House met according to Adjournment and adjourned until Tomorrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday 14th Septem^r 1773

The Bill to prevent Counterfeiting the paper Money of other his Majestys Colonies or provinces in America was read a third time

RESOLVED that the Bill do pass

ORDERED that Doct^r Houstoun do carry the said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

The Order of the day for the third Reading of the Bill to continue the several Laws therein mentioned being Read

The said Bill was Accordingly Read and an Amendment was made thereto

RESOLVED that the Bill to pass

ORDERED that Doct^r Houstoun do also carry the said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence

A Message from the upper House by their Clerk

M^r Speaker

The upper House have agreed to the Bill for granting to his Majesty the sum of five thousand one Hundred and

Seventy one Pounds fifteen Shillings and Ten pence half penny for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the year 1773 to be raised at certain Rates and after the Method therein mentioned and for the more effectual collecting of arrears

M^r Simpson from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Ordinance to appoint a Comptroller of the Country duties for the port of Savannah Reported they had prepared the same which was received and Read the first time and Ordered to be Read a Second Time

The House Resolved itself into a Committee to take into consideration the Bill for raising a fund to Support a Watch in the Town of Savannah and after some time Spent therein M^r Speaker Resumed the Chair and M^r Hall from the Committee Reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration gone through the same and made several Amendments thereto and he Read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED that the Bill with the amendments be Engrossed

M^r Speaker then Informed the House that he would offer the said Bill for a third reading Tomorrow morning

And then the House adjourned until Wednesday Morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Wednesday 15th Sept^r 1773

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill for Raising a fund to Support a Watch in the Town of

Savannah being Read the said Bill was According read and some amendments were made thereto

RESOLVED that the Bill do pass

ORDERED that Mr Farley do carry the said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence

ORDERED that the Accounts laid before this House by the Treasurer and the Other publick officers be Inserted in the Journals of the House Immediately after the proceeding of the present Sessions

A Message from the upper House by their Clerk

Mr Speaker.

The upper House have agreed to a Bill to continue the Several Laws therein Mentioned with amendments and have also agreed to a Bill to empower the Commissioners of the General Loan to Stamp reprint sign and Issue Paper Bills of Credit to the Amount of five Hundred and Twenty pounds Sterling being in Lieu of that sum received by them as Interest Money unappropriated (the Bills of which are obliterated and decayed) by Virtue of an Act Intitled an Act for Stamping imprinting issuing and making Current the Sum of Seven Thousand four Hundred and Ten Pounds in paper Bills of Credit and for applying and Sinking the Same and for appropriating the said Sum of Five hundred and Twenty pounds in Aid of the General Tax for the service of the year 1773 and also for other purposes therein mentioned

The House Immediately took into consideration the amendments made by the upper House to the Bill to continue the Several Laws therein Mentioned and agreed to the same

A Message from the upper House by their Clerk

M^r Speaker

The upper House have agreed to a Bill to prevent Counterfeiting the paper Money of other his Majesty's Colonies or provinces in America with amendments

The House upon taking the said amendments into consideration agreed to the same

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.)

Thursday 16th Sept^r 1773

M^r Henry Yonge from the Committee appointed to Join a Committee of the upper House in Conference upon the Subject Matter of the amendments made by their House to the Bill Entitled an Act to Ascertain and Regulate publick officers fees and also the Fees of other Persons therein after Mentioned Reported they had agreed to the Same

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Clerk of the House Viz^t

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

I do hereby adjourn the commons House of Assembly until Tuesday the Twenty Eighth day of this Instant September then to meet for the dispatch of business and it is Accordingly Adjourned to the Twenty Eighth Instant

Given under my Hand at Savannah this Sixteenth day of September 1773

To the Honorable the Speaker and
Members of the Commons House }
of Assembly.

JAS WRIGHT

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Tuesday 28th of September 1773

A Message from the upper House by their Clerk Viz^t

upper House of Assembly 11th Sept^r 1773

Mr Speaker

In answer to the Message from your House of this day desiring this House will appoint a Committee to Join a Committee of your House to burn and destroy such torn obliterated and defaced Bills as are now in the office of the Commissioners of the General Loan do agree to the same and have appointed a Committee Accordingly

Committee The Honorable Lewis Johnson and James Hume Esquires

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 10 of the Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 48.*)

Wednesday 29th Sept^r 1773

ORDERED that a Committee be appointed to form a plan of a Sufficient common Goal and to enquire of Workmen what will be the Expence of executing the Same and have their Report ready to make to this House on its next Meeting for further Consideration and the same was committed to M^r Shruder, M^r Netherclift, M^r Hall, Doct^r Jones, and M^r Clay

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to form a plan of a Sufficient Fort and to Enquire of Workmen what will be the Expence of executing the same, and

have their Report Ready to make to the House on its next meeting for further consideration a debate arising thereon and the Question being put it passed in the Negative—The Members for the Question were M^r Shruder, M^r Jamieson, M^r Hall, M^r Henry Yonge, M^r Clay and M^r Netherclift Those against the Question were M^r Simpson, M^r Law, M^r Stirk, M^r Farley, Doct^r Jones, M^r Powell, M^r Carter, M^r Le Conte, M^r Treutlen, M^r Millen, M^r Bourquine, M^r Isaac Young, and M^r Maxwell

M^r Hall from the Committee appointed to Receive and destroy the several certificates in the Hands of the Treasurer and for which he has Credit in his Accounts allowed by this House Reported that the Committee had (agreeable to Order) burnt and destroyed the sum of £1483.. in part of £1572 which has been provided for and that the remaining Balance of £89—Fortification Certificates was Issued through Mistake in Lieu of other Monies and which the Treasurer assured your Committee he would call in as soon as Possible and lay before your Committee in Order also to be burnt and destroyed

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Clerk of the Council Viz^t

M^r Speaker

His Excellency the Governor Requires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately, Accordingly M^r Speaker with the House went to Attend his Excellency and his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills

The Bill to prevent Mischiefs Arising from the practice of Hunting or Killing Deer by fire Light in the Night Time—

Also to a Bill for the better Ordering of the Militia

Also to a Bill to empower Commissioners or Surveyors to lay out make and Repair the Roads already laid out or May hereafter be Necessary and also to Clear the Rivers and Creeks within their respective divisions

Also to a Bill to prevent damages Arising from dams or Banks and for preventing persons from Stopping the Natural Course or Courses of Water to the Injury of their Neighbours

Also to a Bill to empower the Commissioners therein named to lease to the thirty first of December next and then to put up for Sale for the benefit of the publick the Ferry over Great oGechee River for a Term of Years and to Authorize the said Commissioners to Inspect and Regulate the said Ferry

Also to a Bill to prevent the Stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle and unlawfully branding Marking, Killing, or driving the same

Also to a Bill for the Settling and ascertaining the Fees to be taken by the several publick officers and persons herein after named

Also to a Bill to enforce the payment of arrears of Taxes due in this province from persons holding or Claiming to hold Lands by Virtue of and under Grants signed by the Governor of South Carolina in the year of our Lord 1763

Also to a Bill for Granting to his Majesty a duty upon Raw neat Hides Exported from this province and for preventing the Exportation of unmerchantable Tanned Leather

Also a Bill to empower the Commissioners of the General Loan to Stamp, imprint, Sign and Issue paper Bills

of Credit to the Amount of Five Hundred and Twenty pounds Sterling being in lieu of that sum raised by them as Interest Money unappropriated (the Bills of which are obliterated and decayed) by Virtue of an Act entitled an Act for Stamping imprinting Issuing and making Current the sum of Seven thousand four Hundred and Ten pounds in paper Bills of Credit and for applying and sinking the same and for appropriating the Said sum of five Hundred and Twenty pounds in Aid of the General Tax for the Service of the Year 1773 and also to reprint sign and Issue the further sum of Seventy three Pounds for other purposes therein Mentioned.

Also to a Bill to oblige Masters of Vessels and other Transient persons importing Negroes and other Slaves, Goods, Wares, and Merchandise to pay Tax for the same and to Compel the persons directed to receive the Same to give Security for the due performance of their office and for Monies that may be Received by them by Virtue of any Act of this Province

Also to a Bill for Granting to his Majesty the sum of four Thousand Two hundred and Ninety Nine pounds and for empowering the Commissioners therein Named to Stamp, Imprint, Sign and Issue paper Certificates to the amount of the said Sum for the uses and purposes therein Mentioned

Also to a Bill to prevent Counterfeiting the paper Money of Other his Majesty Colonies or provinces in America

Also to a Bill to continue the Several Laws therein Mentioned: and for Vesting several Ferries in the persons mentioned in an Act entitled an Act for Establishing Several ferries in this province in the persons therein Mentioned

Also to a Bill for Granting to his Majesty the sum of five thousand one Hundred and Seventy one pounds fifteen Shillings and Ten pence halfpenny for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the Year one thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy three To be raised at certain Rates and after the Method therein Mentioned and for the More Effectual Collecting of Arrears

And also to an Ordinance appointing the Honorable Grey Elliott Esquire Agent to Solicit the Affairs of this province in Great Britain in case of the Absence of Benjamin Franklin Esquire from Great Britain

Of the Ordinance for Reappointing Benjamin Franklin Esquire Agent to Solicit the affairs of this province in Great Britain—His Excellency was pleased to say he shoud consider

His Excellency then made the following Speech to both Houses in General Assembly met Viz^t

[For transcript of speech see Minutes of Upper House 29 Sep. 1773]

Savannah in Georgia Council Chamber
The 29th of September 1773

After which his Excellency was pleased to porogue the General Assembly to Tuesday the Eighteenth of January next then to Meet for the dispatch of Business—

Examined & Compared with the Original Journals

RICH^d CUNsm CROOKE Clk—

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly.

I have communicated to you every Information that I have received relative to the Murders lately committed by the Creek Indians on several of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, and as things now appear circumstanced I have thought it proper that the Militia be drafted and do such Duty as may be most conducive to the protection and Safety of the Inhabitants. Also that Stockade Forts be erected where they may seem necessary and most usefull and have setled a plan of defence to be observed 'till we know with Certainty what has happened in the Indian Nation and whether the Traders are cut off or not, and how far the Nation in general are concerned in this Matter. And for which Purpose I have sent a Talk or Message to them, a Copy of which you will now receive, and also the Heads of the Plan for the protection of the Settlements. And as the building of Forts must be attended with an Expence probably more than the People themselves can well bear, and as I think the Militia who are on *actual Service* ought to have some Allowance towards their Support or to defray their Expences. I must desire you will consider of these Matters and let me know whether you think proper to make any Provision for the same, and what, And Expresses being now very necessary and frequent, some Provision shoud be made to defray that Expence. Also for a Supply of Bullets to be sent to the different Parts of the Province, Gun Powder there is sufficient for the present in the Magazine. And as you are fully acquainted with every Circumstance that has hitherto happened and with the Measures which in the present hurry and posture of Affairs I purpose to take I desire that if any thing further occurs to you you will communicate your Sentiments to me. and if Things grow more

serious I doubt not but you will act with a becoming Spirit and, to the utmost Abilities of the Province, Exert and contribute towards Chastising the Perfidy, intolerable Insolence and unprovoked Barbarities committed by those worst of Savages, the Creek Indians. And as the Act giving Power to restrain the Exportation of Corn is expired, may it not from the Consideration of the present Situation of Affairs be expedient to renew that Power.

JA: WRIGHT Sav 28 Jan^y 1774—Copy

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

To His Excellency Sir James Wright Baronet, Captain General, Governor and Commander in Chief of His Majestys Province of Georgia, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly.

May it please your Excellency

We His Majesty's dutifull and loyal Subjects the Commons of Georgia in General Assembly met return your Excellency our very cordial Thanks for the regard you have manifested in laying before us the several Informations you have received respecting the unprovoked Murders committed on many of His Majestys Subjects lately residing on the Frontier of this Province by some of those horrid Savages the Creek Indians.

We intirely approve of your prudent and necessary Precaution in drawing out and drafting the Militia for the general Defence, and think with Your Excellency it is indispensably necessary to be informed, as soon as possibly may be of the real Intentions of the Creek Nation, and

how far they may presume to support and vindicate the late barbarous Transactions of their perfidious Countrymen, and we still hope that the report and Apprehension of their having massacred the Traders residing amongst them are premature.

We agree with Your Excellency in the Propriety of immediately erecting at proper Places Stockade Forts, and apprehend the building of them to be the Duty of the People of the respective Parishes or Districts where they may be wanted, but we will afford them such reasonable Assistance therein as, added to their own Assiduity may enable them to complete the same.

We will chearfully make such Provision, as has been heretofore allowed to such part of the Militia as may be on actual Service, and will also provide a Fund for the Payment of Expresses and such other immediate Exigencies as may be absolutely necessary, fully persuaded of your Oeconomy in the judicious distribution thereof

We must repeat to Your Excellency our Thanks for that watchful Attention and Care which has been so conspicuous in your Conduct upon this Occasion, and we will not fail from time to time to communicate and submit to you any Manceuvres which may appear to us likely to redound to the general Good

Altho we cannot but hear of the Treachery and Cruelty of these Wretches with Concern, yet, it is with Concern justly tempered with that noble resentment which must ever inspire His Majesty's faithfull American Subjects when their Lives and Prosperity, or the sacred Rights of their beloved Sovereign are invaded by any Power whatever, and we assure your Excellency that we will on all Occasions act against these merciless Enemies to Society

with that undaunted Resolution and Fortitude which will ever distinguish the true Sons of Freedom and Subjects of a British King

We have only to add that we will deliberate on the necessity and expediency of giving a temporary Power to prevent occasionally, the Exportation of Provisions

By Order of the House

(sign'd) WILLIAM YOUNG Speaker

Commons House of Assembly

28th January 1774

M^r Speaker & Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly.

I return you my best Thanks for this Address, and it makes me very happy to see that you concur with me in Opinion with respect to the Measures which I have thought most advisable to take in the present State of Affairs relative to the Indians. And you may depend upon it, I shall not cease to give the utmost Attention towards preserving the Peace and Safety of this Province, and shall communicate to you every Information and Occurrence. And it gives me very great Satisfaction to find your House so spiritedly determined to do Justice to, and support the just Rights of our most Gracious Sovereign, also that the Lives and Property of His faithful Subjects here, and in which you will ever find me most heartily disposed to co-operate with you

(sign'd) JAMES WRIGHT

Savannah the 28th }
January 1774 }

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly of your Majesty's Province of Georgia.

Most gracious Sovereign

Permit your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons of Georgia in General Assembly met to return your Majesty our most grateful and humble thanks for that addition of Territory lately ceded to your Majesty by the Creek and Cherokee Indians and annexed as a Frontier to this Province.

The great extent of this acquisition, the richness of the Soil, the Salubrity of the Air and situation, the considerable number of Settlers it cannot fail to procure, and the evident advantages which must result from the addition of so formidable a Frontier, are all objects which respectively and unitedly contribute to raise in us the most ardent desire to see it happily peopled, and cultivated.

After the most solemn Cession of these Lands to your Majesty by the Indians, your faithful Subjects could have no apprehension that any persons desirous to settle them, under your Majesty's powerful and sacred protection, would be wantonly, and unprovokedly, attacked and Murdered by that inhuman and perfidious people, in open violation of the most solemn treaties, and in daring and insolent defiance of your Majesty's sacred Right, and Dignity.

Far as such Treachery must have been from our expectations, we have notwithstanding, lately experienced many very lamentable proofs of the baseness of these Barbarians, and have too much reason to fear the fre-

quent repetitions of such unspeakable, and even refined, acts of Cruelty as must in the highest degree alarm, and terrify, your Majesty's faithful Subjects, as well as endanger their Lives and property, unless effectually prevented by the speedy interposition of your Majesty's Arms in our favor.

Although your Majesty's Province of Georgia is at present in a florishing and desirable state of prosperity, although every year brings with it a very considerable augmentation of Wealth and success, we are yet very far from being able to Act against so numerous and dangerous an Enemy as the Indians without your Majesty's gracious support, in these critical and alarming Circumstances, therefore, allow us humbly to look up to, and solicit your Majesty for such protection and Assistance as in your wisdom you may think sufficient to chastize the perfidy and insolence of these dangerous Enemies to your Majesty's Government of Georgia, on our parts, we crave leave to assure your Majesty that, we will chearfully, and resolutely contribute every means in the power of this infant Colony to further and promote such Operations as your Majesty may graciously be pleased to direct for our Security and Welfare.

By order of the House

WILL^m YOUNG Speaker

8th March 1774

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

GEORGIA

To his Excell^y Sir James Wright Baronet Captain General Governor and Commander in Chief of his Majestys Province of Georgia, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same

The address of the Commons House of Assembly—

May it please your Excellency—

We his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons of Georgia in General Assembly met, are truely sorry to observe from the information you have from time to time laid before us, that a war with the Creek Indians appears inevitable—

Circumstanced as this Province is at Present, We have thought it expedient to Address our most Gracious Sovereign to send a military force to protect us against the outrages of our faithless Neighbours—And have therefore to request that your Excellency will be pleased to cause the said Address to be laid before his Majesty by the earliest Opportunity—And should our most gracious Sovereign think fit to grant our request, your Excellency may rely on our making such provision for the Troops which may be sent to our assistance as has been usual upon the like occasions

From the long experience we have had of your Excellency's unwearied attention to promote the general good of this Province, we can have no doubt but you will use your utmost influence to obtain such force as you may think sufficient to establish peace and security amongst us, but as it will be some months before our

situation can be known at home we Cannot but wish that in the meantime you would apply to the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in America for some immediate assistance in order to strike a terror into the minds of the Indians, and prevent them from Committing further Acts of Cruelty on his Majesty's good Subjects

By order of the House

WILL^m YOUNG Speaker

Commons House of Assembly

the 9th March 1774

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly—

Your address to our most Gracious Sovereign on the Present Posture of Affairs in this Province, you may depend I Shall Transmit to The Earl of Dartmouth by the first Opportunity, and request his Lordship to lay it before His Majesty—and I Will Support the Same to the Utmost of my Power—and Will also Write to Major General Haldimand agreeable to your desire.

JA: WRIGHT 9th March 1774

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

In the Commons House of Assembly the 10th day of March 1774

Report of the Committee appointed to take into Consideration the several matters contain'd in the Lieut^t Gov-

ernors Speech at the Opening of the Session on the 1st Instant, And His Honors Message to this House of the 4th Inst^t with the papers accompanying the same, as agreed to by the House.—

That they have seriously consider'd the matters committed to them, carefully examined every paper laid before them, and procured every further intelligence they could from His Majesty's Superintendant of Indians Affairs, and think it by no means necessary at Present, that this Province should take any part in the Dispute between the Province of Georgia & the Creek Indians, especially, as when the Governor is now fully inform'd of the Grounds of the present Disturbances between them, of the Course the Creek Nation shall take in Consequence thereof, and of the Support the Southern Provinces shall receive from His Majesty's forces, said to be kept up for the Security and defence of his American Subjects; His Honor may make such requisition as he thinks proper, And this House will always pay that respect thereto, which is due from Loyal & affectionate Subjects—

For the protection of our own Frontiers, the Committee recommend, in Complyance with His Honors requisition, That a Bill be immediately brought in for raising and Supporting Three Companies of Rangers each Consisting of Seventy five Men (non Commission'd Officers included) under the Command of a Major Commandant (who shall have no Company) One Captain, One first and one Second Lieutenant, two Sergeants, two Corporals and one Drummer to each Company, to be Subject to the same Discipline and the like regulations as His Majestys Troops are Subject unto, And that the said Rangers be Station'd in the most fit and Proper places on the Frontier to prevent Incurtions of the Indians, to

quiet the apprehensions of the Inhabitants and thereby prevent their quitting their Settlements—

(First four Pages missing. Part of 9th May, 1780.
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present him; accordingly they withdrew, and being returned, reported that His Excellency was pleased to say immediately.

M^r Robertson and M^r Jones were appointed a Committee to attend his Excellency with the Speaker Elect, and present him for His Excellency's approbation, who was pleased to approve of him.

And then M^r Speaker informed the House, he had desired his Excellency would be pleased to grant, that this House of Assembly may have freedom of Speech, as by Right and Custom they used to have, and all their just Privileges and Liberties allowed them; and that in any thing he should deliver in the name of the House, if he committed any Mistake, it may not be imputed to the House, but that he might resort again to them for Declaration of their true intent and meaning; And that as often as his Majesty's Service, or the good of the Province, shall require, he might by direction of the House, have free Access to his Excellency. To which his Excellency was pleased to reply, that he wou'd grant them every Right and Privilege they could justly claim, or that they used to have; that was in his Power to grant; and that whatever should be delivered in the name of the House, if any Mistake was in it, he should have free Liberty to resort again to the House, and correct and amend such Mistake; And that the Speaker should have free Access to his Person whenever the Public Business called for it; And that his Excellency would give him,

where the Good of the Province required it, every assistance and Advice in his Power— M^r Speaker further reported, that his Excellency was pleased to make an Affectionate Speech to both Houses of Assembly, of which, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a Copy, and read the same to the House in the Words following.

Honorable Gentlemen,

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly—

Our meeting in General Assembly under the Authority and Protection of our most Gracious Sovereign, after an Interruption of five Years, gives me the greatest Pleasure, and I most sincerely congratulate You thereupon— Peace, Happiness True Liberty and the enjoyment of Property were long banished from this Land; and what did the Rulers of the People introduce instead thereof; War, Imprisonments, Proscriptions, Oppressions, Attainders and Confiscations. Such was the fate of your Friends and Relations, and for no other reason than that they endeavoured to discharge the Duty with Integrity, and to support the Good People of this Province, in Peace and the Enjoyment of their Rights, their Liberties and Properties, and to oppose that Rebellion, Tyranny, and Oppression, which were promoted here, Principally, by a few Individuals of little or no property, but whose Pride and Ambition prompted them to mislead and hurry the People into Rebellion, without any Cause whatever, but merely to aggrandize themselves, and that from Obscurity and Want, they might become Men of Power, Leaders and Governors, and accumulate Fortunes to themselves by Rapine from the General Wreck of the Property of Honest men—

During the late Wicked Usurpation, the Inhabitants of this Country experienced the most cruel Tyranny.

Their Commerce was annihilated. The Oppressed People wanted many of the Common Necessaries of Life, and their Arbitrary Leaders loaded the Country with a Debt, amounting to more than all the Property in the Province was worth, and the Interest thereupon to much more than our whole annual Income, in the time of our greatest Prosperity. Add to which the Yearly Expences of their Government.

What a Melancholy Prospect did this exhibit, especially when contrasted with that Peace and Affluence, which the Inhabitants in General enjoyed here, before the Rebellion broke out.

But, Gentlemen, I shall not dwell any longer on this gloomy Subject, and thanks be to God, the Scene is changed, His Majesty having been graciously pleased to rescue this Province, and his good Subjects here, from the cruel Tyranny and Oppression, which they were labouring under, and from the Jaws of Ruin and Destruction.

I trust we shall now very soon enjoy the Blessings of Peace and True Liberty, under just Laws, and his Majesty's Protection. The Advantages of Trade and Commerce with the Mother Country are well known. The Inhabitants will have a ready Market and Sale for their Produce of every kind. They will be plentifully supplied with the Necessaries and Comforts of Life. They will have Money of *Real* and not merely nominal Value: And they will soon again become a Happy People.

The Point of Taxing America is wholly given up by the King and Parliament, and only a Power reserved to impose such Duties, as may be expedient for the regulation of Commerce (which Power even the warmest Zealots for America never denied to Parliament) and the

Nett Produce of those duties, are in every instance to be applied to the use of the Province.

I am happy in having it in my Power to declare to you, that His Majesty, in order to ease his Loyal Subjects here, graciously intends to remit all Arrears of Quit Rents; and generously proposes, that all those which may become due hereafter, shall be appropriated to the Use of the Province. Also that all Fines and Forfeitures, which shall happen, arise or become due to his Majesty, shall likewise be applied in the same Manner.

These Concessions being Matters of special Grace and Favor of the Crown, deserve our warmest acknowledgements.

I apprehend it is intended in Convenient Time to Revise the Laws of Trade, and I have no kind of doubt, that all such Indulgences will be granted to America, as may not be inconsistent with the General Good of the whole Empire.

Therefore, Gentlemen, when you reflect, that we have been rescued from Ruin and Destruction by his Majesty's Arms. That from a scene of anarchy and Confusion, we are now under the Protection of Great Britain, and restored to the Enjoyment of True Liberty and our Prosperity; the inestimable advantages arising from Law and regular Government; the Emoluments of Trade and Commerce; and many other Benefits, which naturally result from our Connection with the Mother Country, and from the Reestablishment of Civil Government in this Province, and the Generous Concessions of the King and Parliament; it will Evidently appear, that Great Britain never meant to oppress or injure the Colonies, but that they should return to the mild, just and benign Government they formerly enjoyed.

The Consideration of these things, Gentlemen, must warm our Hearts and inspire us with the utmost Gratitude and Affection. And I doubt not but you will take such Steps, & pursue such measures in your Legislative Capacities, as will evince to Great Britain the True and Unfeigned Loyalty of His Majesty's faithfull Subjects in the Province of Georgia, and will shew Your abhorrence of Treason and Rebellion, and secure to Yourselves and Your Posterity the Blessings of Peace, and the enjoyment of True Liberty.

Many Things will occur to You as necessary to be done for the better settling the internal Police; & giving the Inhabitants some Aid and Relief with respect to the Destruction and Loss of their Title Deeds; and other Sufferings by the Rebellion. But here I must observe to You, that our Safety & Quiet have of late been much interrupted by a Set of the most profligate Plunderers that ever existed, and who have murdered several of the Inhabitants in Cold Blood, also some Negroes, & who have Committed Great Devastation, and carried off a great Number of Negroes. I have written to Sir Henry Clinton on this Subject, and flatter myself he will give us every Assistance in his Power, but as the Prevention of these Mischiefs in future is a Matter of the Greatest Consequence to the Province, I therefore recommend it as an Object worthy of your Attention.

In all or any of these matters, I shall be very ready to concur with You, and Give my best Assistance.

Gentlemen, I trust I need not recommend to You Unanimity and Dispatch; Points essentially necessary at all times; and especially at present; And when the Season of the Year is improper for a long Session, And therefore I doubt not but you will only go upon such

things as are most Material, and defer the rest till a more Convenient Opportunity.

JAMES WRIGHT

Savannah in Georgia, Council Chamber.

RESOLVED, nem. con. That an humble Address of Thanks, be presented to his Excellency the Governor for his Speech delivered to both Houses, at the Opening of the present Sessions. That we do with sincerity assure his Excellency That our present meeting after so long an Interruption, affords us the most heartfelt pleasure, and that we join his Excellency in Congratulations on this happy Event.

When we reflect on the many difficulties, which have been arbitrarily and wontonly imposed upon the Inhabitants of this Province, in consequence of the late cruel and unprovoked Rebellion, that we are impressed with Sentiments of Gratitude which we cannot sufficiently express to our most Gracious Sovereign, for his good intentions to restore us to his most ample Protection; at the same time we cannot but lament, that those good intentions have been impeded, contrary to our reasonable expectations.

That we receive with gratefull thanks the information of his Majesty's gracious designs to remit the arrears of Quit Rents, and to appropriate what may hereafter become due, together with other emoluments of the Crown, to the Use of this Province, and doubt not but they will be carried into full effect, from which many advantages must accrue to this Country.

The King and Parliament of Great Britain, having by Law relinquished the Claim of Taxation over America, ought to remove every discontent and doubt of the most

bigotted Zealots for American Independency, and establish confidence in the Breast of every Individual—

That we flatter ourselves his Excellency's Application to Sir Henry Clinton for assistance will meet with Success, which together with our own exertions will have the desired effect of putting a speedy stop to the Incursions of those lawless Banditti, who have made such frequent depredations, on the Inhabitants of this Country, and afford future Security to every part of this Province; That being once established we have no doubt but our Trade and Commerce will encrease, and that we shall enjoy the Blessings of true Liberty and Good Government.

The wicked and diabolical designs of the Leaders of Sedition and Rebellion are so notorious, that it is unnecessary for us to enlarge on the Subject at present.

That we chearfully join with his Excellency in turning from the dismal Prospect, and look forward to better times—

That his Excellency may rest assured we will to the utmost of our Power and Abilities, discharge the trust reposed in us, and by our Conduct evince to the World our Loyalty and Attachment to the British Constitution and Government—That we shall lose no time in taking under consideration the most material Concerns of Province; and from the long experience this Country has had of his Excellency's unwearied endeavours, to promote its true Interest, We are convinced we shall receive Your hearty Concurrence and Support—

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address, to be presented to his Excellency, upon the said Resolution, and a Committee was appointed accordingly.

ORDERED That his Excellency's Speech be referred to the said Committee.

ORDERED That a Committee of Privileges and Elections be appointed, and a Committee was appointed accordingly, and they are to meet as often as there is occasion, and they are to take into consideration all such Matters, as shall or may come in Question, touching Returns, Elections and Privileges, and to proceed upon double Returns in the first place and to report their proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon to the House, from time to time; And all Persons who will Question any Returns, are to do it within fourteen days next, and so within fourteen Days next after any new Return shall be brought in, And the Committee are to have power to send for Persons, Papers, & Records for their Information; And all Members who are returned for two or more places, are to make their Election by this day week, for which of the Places they will serve, provided there be no Question upon the Return for that place; and if any thing shall come in Question, touching the Return, Election or matter of Privilege, of any Member, he is to withdraw during the time the Matter is in Debate; And that all Members returned upon double returns, do withdraw till their Returns are determined.

ORDERED that a Committee be appointed to wait on the Reverend M^r Brown to attend to divine Service on Sunday next, and a Committee was appointed accordingly.

ORDERED That a Committee of Grievances be appointed, and a Committee was appointed accordingly; and they are to sit as often as necessary, and they are to have power to send for Persons Papers and Records for their Information.

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to draw up Rules for the House, and a Committee was appointed accordingly.

The House adjourned till tomorrow Morning Eleven OClock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Wednesday May 10th 1780.

M^r Zubly from the Committee appointed yesterday to draw up an Address, to be presented, to his Excellency the Governor, Reported, that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his Place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly, and after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Zubly reported from the Committee, that they had taken the said Address into Consideration, and made several Amendments thereto, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered the Address with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read, other Amendments made, and the whole agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Address with the Amendments be Engrossed

The said Address being Engrossed was read to the House in the words following Viz^t

To his Excellency Sir James Wright, Baronet, Captain General, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of Georgia, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

The Address of the Commons House of Assembly.

May it please Your Excellency.

We his Majesty's Dutifull and Loyal Subjects, the Commons House of Assembly, in General Assembly met, return Your Excellency our warmest thanks for your affectionate Speech, at the Opening of the present Session. We do with Sincerity assure Your Excellency that our present meeting, after so long an Interruption affords us the most heartfelt pleasure, and we do join Your Excellency in Congratulations on this happy event.

When we reflect on the many difficulties, that have been arbitrarily and wantonly imposed upon the Inhabitants of this Province, in consequence of the late cruel and unprovoked Rebellion, We are impressed with Sentiments of Gratitude, which we cannot sufficiently express to our most Gracious Sovereign, for his good intentions, to restore us to his most ample Protection; at the same time, we cannot but lament, that those good Intentions have been impeded contrary to our reasonable Expectations.

We receive with gratefull thanks, the information of his Majesty's gracious Designs to remit the Arrears of Quit Rents, and to appropriate what may hereafter become due, together with other emoluments of the Crown, to the Use of this Province; and doubt not but they will be carried into full effect, from which many advantages must accrue to this Country.

'The King and Parliament of Great Britain having by

Law relinquished the Claim of Taxation over America, ought to remove every discontent and doubt of the most bigotted Zealots for American Independency; and establish Confidence in the Breast of every Individual.

We flatter ourselves that your Excellency's Application to Sir Henry Clinton for assistance, will meet with Success; which together with our own exertions, will have the desired effect, of putting a speedy stop to the Incursions of those lawless Banditti, who have made such frequent depredations on the Inhabitants of this Country, and afford future security to every part of this Province; That being once established, we have no doubt but our Trade and Commerce will encrease, and that we shall enjoy the Blessings of true Liberty and Good Government.

The wicked and diabolical designs of the Leaders of Sedition and Rebellion are so notorious that it is unnecessary for us to enlarge on the Subject at present, we chearfully join with your Excellency in turning from the dismal prospect, and look forward to better times.

Your Excellency may rest assured we will to the utmost of our Power and Abilities, discharge the trust reposed in us, and by our conduct evince to the world our Loyalty and Attachment to the British Constitution and Government—

We shall lose no time in taking under Consideration the most material Concerns of the Province, and from the long experience this Country has had of your Excellency's unwearied endeavours to promote its true Interest, we are convinced we shall receive your hearty concurrence and support.

ORDERED That M^r Speaker do sign the said Address.

RESOLVED that the said Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor by the whole House.

ORDERED That M^r Hall and M^r Zubly do wait on his Excellency the Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive the said Address.

M^r Hall from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor, to know when he would be pleased to receive the Address of the House, Reported, that his Excellency the Governor returned for answer, that he would give Notice to the House tomorrow forenoon.

RESOLVED That this House will attend M^r Speaker to Divine Service on Sunday next.

ORDERED That M^r Hall and M^r Zubly do wait on the Rev^d M^r Brown and acquaint him therewith.

M^r Hall reported to the House that pursuant to an Order of Yesterday, himself and M^r Zubly had waited on the Rev^d M^r Brown, and acquainted him that M^r Speaker and the House would attend divine service on Sunday next, to which M^r Brown answered, he would prepare a Suitable discourse on that Occasion.

RESOLVED That James Edgar be Messenger of this House.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow Morning ten OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Thursday May 11th 1780.

M^r Speaker with the whole House, went to attend his

Excellency the Governor, to present the Address of this House, and being returned Mr Speaker reported that he, with the whole House, had attended his Excellency, and presented their Address, to which his Excellency was pleased to give the following Answer.

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly.

It gives me great pleasure to receive this very Loyal and dutifull Address, and to find You so warmly impressed with Gratitude and Affection for our Gracious Sovereign. And I join You in Opinion that every discontent and doubt ought to be totally removed; and most sincerely wish, that Pure Harmony and Confidence may soon be restored between the Mother Country and America.

I have the Satisfaction to acquaint You that Sir Henry Clinton has been pleased to approve of my Application and Request; and I doubt not but a Stop will be put to the depredations of those Lawless Plunderers, who now infest us.

I thank you for the kind Mention you make of my past Endeavours to promote the Interest of this Province, and you may rely on my Support, and that I will cooperate with you in every Measure, which may tend to secure to the People, True Liberty and their just Rights, & which may conduce to the Peace and happiness of this Province.

JAMES WRIGHT

ORDERED That the Clerk do furnish the Printer with a Copy of the Address of this House to his Excellency the Governor, together with his Excellency the Governor's Answer thereto, and that the Printer do publish the same in the next Gazette.

William Ross Esq^r elected and returned for the Parish of S^t Mary (pursuant to order of Yesterday) attended the House, & in person declined taking his Seat as a Member of this House, he not having the necessary Qualification for that purpose.

RESOLVED That the said excuse be satisfactory.

ORDERED That an Address be prepared and presented to his Excellency the Governor, desiring he will be pleased to give Orders for issuing Writs of Election for the Parish of S^t Mary, in the Room of William Ross Esq^r who has declined taking his Seat as a Member of this House.

ORDERED That an Address be prepared and presented to his Excellency the Governor, desiring he will be pleased to give Orders for issuing Writs of Election for the Parish of S^t Paul, S^t David, S^t Matthews and S^t Mary's, none being returned.

M^r Hall and M^r Cowper the Committee to prepare the Address.

The said Address being prepared was read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED that M^r Hall and M^r Cowper do wait on his Excellency and present the said address, and accordingly they withdrew, & being returned reported, they had waited on his Excellency, and presented the said Address, and he was pleased to return for Answer, that he would give directions, for issuing the said Writs.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor, by the Master in Chancery.

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly

The Permit herewith sent you, was brought to me to sign this Morning, and it appearing the Vessel is to take on board one thousand Bushels of Rough Rice at Ogeechee, I must recommend it to your Consideration whether as Matters are circumstanced just now, some steps should not be immediately taken to prevent the exportation of Indian Corn, Rice & oat.

JAMES WRIGHT.

The House having taken the same under consideration, Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill, to prohibit for a certain time the exportation of Indian Corn, Rice, rough, Clean, or in any other state, Peace or any other vegetable production of this Province, or that may come or be brought within the Limits of the same.

ORDERED That Mr Simpson, Mr Hall, Mr Robertson, Mr Jones and Mr Mossman do prepare and bring in the same.

ORDERED That Mr Simpson and Mr Zubly, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him the Governor ^(sic) has received and taken into Consideration his Excellency's Message, and have ordered a Bill to be prepared to prohibit the Exportation of Indian Corn, Rice and other Provisions for a limited time.

Mr Simpson and Mr Zubly waited on his Excellency accordingly, and being returned, Reported, they had waited on his Excellency, and informed him, that the House had taken under consideration his Excellency's Message to prevent the exportation of Provisions, and had ordered a Bill to be prepared and brought in for that purpose.

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M^r Simpson, M^r Hall, M^r Robertson, M^r Jones and M^r Mossman were appointed a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent the exportation of Indian Corn, Rice and other Provisions.

M^r Simpson from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to prevent for a certain time the exportation of Provisions, reported that they had prepared the same, which they had directed him to report to the House, which was received and read the first time.

Motion was made that the said Bill be now read the second time, which was agreed to and read accordingly.

Motion was made that the Bill be immediately Committed, and a debate arising thereon, Resolved, that this House will form itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the same under consideration tomorrow.

M^r Hall reported that the Committee of Grievances, are ready to make their report, when the House will be pleased to receive it.

ORDERED That the report be received, which was done accordingly.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for ascertaining the Qualification of Jurors, and establishing the method of balloting and summoning of Jurors in the Province of Georgia, and for repealing an Act, entitled an Act for ascertaining the Qualifications of Jurors, and for establishing the method of balloting and summoning of Jurors, in the Province of Georgia, the Act explaining the same, and another act amending the same Act.

ORDERED That M^r Robertson, M^r Simpson, M^r Zubly, M^r Panton and M^r Cowper be the said Committee.

Motion was made for leave to prepare and bring in a

Bill for the better and more effectual Regulation of the Militia of this Province.

ORDERED that M^r Wyly, M^r Jones, M^r Butler, M^r Hall and M^r Yonge, be a Committee for that purpose.

Motion was made that this House do present a humble, dutifull and Loyal Address to our most Gracious Sovereign, expressing our grateful Thanks of his Goodness for having placed us under his Paternal Protection, and for establishing Civil Government in this Province, and other favours conferred upon us; and that a Committee be appointed for that purpose.

ORDERED That M^r Zubly, M^r Wyly, M^r Douglass, M^r Mossman and M^r Panton be the Committee for that purpose.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill, to oblige Persons coming into Savannah from any parts of this Province, which do not acknowledge their Allegiance to the King, and from the Provinces in Actual Rebellion, to register their names, and to set forth upon Oath, their Business, in the Secretary's Office of this Province, and to Comply with the other Regulations to be contained in the said Bill.

And then the House adjourned till to-morrow morning Ten OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Friday May 12th 1780.

The Order of the day for committing the Bill entitled an Act to prohibit for a certain time, the Exportation of Indian Corn, Rice, and other Provisions, the Growth

and Produce of this Province, therein mentioned, being read, the House took the same into consideration, and after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Simpson from the Committee of the whole House, reported, that they had taken the same into Consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report, when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED That the said Report be now made, which was done accordingly, and agreed to by the House.

RESOLVED That the Title of the said Bill be an Act to prohibit for a certain time the exportation of Indian Corn, Rice and other Provisions, the Growth and Produce of this Province therein mentioned.

ORDERED That the said Bill, with the amendments be engrossed.

The said Bill being engrossed, Motion was made that it be now read a third time, and it was read accordingly.

RESOLVED that the said Bill do pass.

ORDERED That M^r Simpson do carry the same to the Upper House, and desire their concurrence thereto.

RESOLVED That the following be the standing Rules of this House.

[For transcript of these Rules see Journal of Commons House 27 Nov. 1764 with the following differences:—

For Rule V read:—

V That the Speaker and ten Members make a Quo-

rum to act, as if all the Members were present, and to proceed to all Business.

after Rule XXV read:—]

XXVI That every Member who makes a Motion, shall commit the Substance thereof to writings, and deliver the same to the Speaker.

XXVII That when the Question hath been entirely put by the Speaker, no Member is to speak to the Question, before Voting.

XXVIII That no Member speak more than twice in the House to any Bill at any one time reading, or to any other proposition, or motion, without leave of the House.

XXIX That no order or Resolution shall be entered by the Clerk, till the Speaker first obtain the assent of the House.

XXX That the Minutes be first entered in a Book, and the Minutes of the day be read before an Adjournment be made, and the Minutes of the preceeding day shall be read before any Business be gone upon; and the Minutes of the week being entered fair in another book, shall be read every Monday Morning, before any other Business be introduced.

XXXI That if any Member of the House, shall go off the Province, without leave of the House, if sitting, or without acquainting the Speaker of his so doing, in case the House be not sitting; or having had leave to go off the Province shall not return within the time limited for such leave; he may be expelled, or incur such other Censure as the House shall think proper.

XXXII That when the House shall adjourn, or go with an Address, or on other occurrences, no person shall rise or go out, until M^r Speaker do arise and go before, and then the Members to follow in Order, and that no person shall walk about, or interrupt the House, while in Debate.

XXXIII That there shall be the following fees allowed to the Clerk of this House; Viz^t for drawing every Petition not exceeding one Copy Sheet, of ninety words, five Shillings. and for every Copy Sheet afterwards, one Shilling, but no petition to exceed Twenty Shillings; for reading a Petition, three Shillings, for passing any private Bill, Six Shillings and six pence. for entering the Laws in a Book, five pence per Copy Sheet: Engrossing the Laws, five pence per Copy Sheet; entering every paper in the Journals, that is to say Petitions and Memorials, five pence per Copy Sheet. letters by order of the House to Members or any other person, three Shillings. For a Warrant, twenty one Shillings. For the fair Copy of the Journals with Marginal notes, for the use of the House; and duplicates of the Journals with Marginal Notes to send to England, six pence per Copy Sheet.

XXXIV That the following fees shall be allowed to the Messenger of this House, Viz^t on reading every petition one Shilling and Six pence, for every letter sent out by the order of the House, three Shillings— for every Mile he shall travel, to execute the Speakers Warrant, six pence per Mile, to be computed from the House to the place, where the same shall be served, against whom such Warrant shall be issued, & paid by the Delinquent.

ORDERED That M^r Cowper have leave of absence till this day fortnight.

ORDERED That M^r Yonge have leave of absence till tuesday next.

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to prepare a House for the reception of the Members of the Commons House of Assembly, and to report what sum will be requisite for that purpose.

ORDERED That M^r Jones and M^r Zubly be the Committee for that purpose.

ORDERED that the Bill, entitled an Act to prohibit for a certain time, the exportation of Indian Corn, Rice and other Provisions, the growth and Produce of this Province therein mentioned, be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read and ordered to pass.

ORDERED That M^r Simpson do carry the same to the Upper House, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Upper House May 12th 1780.

RESOLVED That this House will address his Majesty, returning him our most Dutifull thanks for rescuing this Province from the Tyranny and Oppression of the Rebels; for Re-establishing Civil Government here; and for his most Gracious Intentions to apply, in ease of this Province, several Branches of the undoubted Revenues of the Crown.

ORDERED That a Message be sent to the Commons House of Assembly, by the Master in Chancery, acquainting them with the said Resolution, by delivering them a Copy thereof; and desire their Concurrence therein; and

that they will appoint a Committee of this House to prepare the Address accordingly.

The House adjourned till tomorrow Morning Ten OClock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Saturday May 13th 1780

House met according to adjournment and adjourned till Monday Morning ten OClock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)*

Monday May 15th 1780

M^r Zubly from the Committee appointed to enquire into the state of the Rooms formerly used by the Council and Assembly, or any other place to serve for the purpose of holding the present General Assembly, reports that the repairing the former Assembly Room, will cost by

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an Estimate delivered them.....	20..	0..	0
The Repairs of the former Council Chamber	£16..	0..	-

They also further report that either of the above Rooms may be entered into in a week's time. They also further report that they examined the Court Room, and find it in a very dirty and ruinous Situation, and that it will require a Month before it can be used and the Expence will amount to £200 or £300.

The House having taken under consideration a Mes-

sage from the Upper House of the 12th Instant desiring this House to join them in preparing an Address to his Majesty,

RESOLVED that M^r Zubly, M^r Welly, M^r Douglass, M^r Mossman, and M^r Panton, the Committee appointed to prepare and draw up an Address to his Majesty on the 11th Instant by this House, be the Committee to join the Committee of the Upper House, for that purpose; and it is further Resolved that a Message be sent to the Upper House, acquainting them therewith.

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to the Upper House.

Commons House of Assembly 15th May 1780

Hon^{ble} Gentlemen,

This House having taken under consideration your Message of the 12th Instant, have Resolved that the Committee appointed by this House on the 11th Instant to draw up and prepare an Address to his Majesty, be a Committee to join your Committee for that purpose, and are directed to meet at such time and place, as may be agreed upon.

ORDERED That M^r Zubly do carry the above Message to the Upper House.

RESOLVED that the thanks of this House be returned the Rev^d M^r Brown for his excellent Sermon of Yesterday, and that a Gratuity of Ten Guineas be presented him for the same.

The following Gentlemen Viz^t Alexander Wright, Robert Baillie, Tho^u Goldsmith, Simon Munro and James Spalding Esq^{rs} having been returned to serve as Mem-

bers of the Commons House of Assembly, and not having attended.

ORDERED that the Clerk do write them that the House requires their immediate attendance.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow morning Ten OClock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Tuesday May 16th 1780.

Simon Munro Esq^r elected and returned for the Parish of St John, prov'd himself duly qualified to serve as one of the Members, and then took the Oaths, & made and subscribed the declaration, & took & subscribed the Oath of Abjuration.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Upper House of Assembly May 15th 1780.

M^r Speaker,

In Answer to your Message of this day, that Your House hath taken under consideration the Resolution and order of this House of the 12th Inst^t and hath Resolved thereon, that the Committee appointed by your House to draw up and prepare an Address to his Majesty, be a Committee to join a Committee of this House, for that purpose.

ORDERED That M^r Stokes, M^r Hume, M^r Jollie and Major Wright be a Committee to join the Committee of your House, in preparing an Address to his Majesty,

and if agreeable to your Committee, will meet at the Room, where the Upper House at present sits.

Motion was made that the amendments to a Bill, entitled, an Act to prohibit for a certain time the Exportation of Indian Corn, Rice and other Provisions, the Growth and Produce of this Province be taken under consideration tomorrow Morning.

The Emergency of the times requiring the most punctual attendance of the Members of this House— Resolved That a fine of 3^d per minute be imposed on every Member, and such other Censure as the House judge fit, who shall neglect attending his Duty (or sending such excuse as shall be approved by the House) at the time appointed by adjournment; and that such fines be punctually required and collected by a Treasurer to be appointed for that purpose; and that M^r Hall be Treasurer for collecting the same.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow morning Ten OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Wednesday May 17th 1780.

RESOLVED That the order of the day be adjourned till tomorrow morning.

ORDERED That M^r Munro and M^r Patterson be added to the Committee appointed to join the Committee of the Upper House to draw up an Address to his Majesty.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill, entitled, an Act for the regulation of Auctions, laying a Duty on Goods, Wares and Merchandise sold at Auction, and for

empowering his Excellency the Governor to license Auctioneers..

ORDERED That M^r Hall, M^r Simpson and M^r Panton be the Committee for that purpose.

The House adjourned, till tomorrow morning ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Thursday May 18th 1780.

The House took into consideration the Amendments made by the Upper House to the Engrossed Bill, entitled an Act to prohibit for a certain time the exportation of Indian Corn, Rice & other vegetable provisions, the growth and production of this Province therein mentioned, and agreed to some of the Amendments, and disagreed to others.

ORDERED that M^r Robertson do carry the Bill to the Upper House and acquaint them, that this House have agreed to some of the Amendments made by the Upper House to the said Bill and disagreed to others; and that this House desires a Conference on the subject matter of the said amendments.

Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Upper House of Assembly May 18th 1780.

M^r Speaker,

In Answer to your Message, this House doth agree to the Conference you desire, in the room adjoining the Council Chamber at six OClock, this Evening, upon the Amendments made by this House to a Bill, entitled an

Act to prohibit for a certain time, the exportation of Indian Corn, Rice and other Provisions, the Growth and Produce of this Province therein mentioned,— The Committee are M^r Hume and M^r Jollie.

ORDERED that M^r Robertson, M^r Simpson and M^r Hall be the Committee to meet the Committee of the Upper House in Conference.

The Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Upper House in preparing Congratulatory and loyal Address to his Majesty, reported they had prepared the same; which was read to the House.

ORDERED That the said Address be taken under consideration on Tuesday next.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill, entitled an Act to explain, amend and reduce into one Act of Assembly, the several Laws now in being, relative to the regulating of the Town of Savannah, and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging.

ORDERED That M^r Hall, M^r Robertson and M^r Douglass be the Committee for that purpose.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow Morning, Ten OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Friday May 19th 1780.

M^r Robertson from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, entitled an Act for ascertaining the Qualification of Jurors, and for establishing the method of balloting and summoning of Jurors in the Province of

Georgia, and for repealing the several Laws of this Province, herein mentioned, regarding the form, method of regulating, balloting and summoning of Jurors in this Province, Reported that the Committee were ready to make their report, when the House would be pleased to receive it.

ORDERED That the Report be now made, which was done accordingly.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

The House adjourned till tomorrow morning ten OClock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Saturday May 20th 1780.

The House met according to adjournment, and then adjourned till Monday Morning Ten OClock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Monday May 22^d 1780

House met according to adjournment, and adjourned till tomorrow Morning ten OClock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Tuesday May 23^d 1780

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill, entitled an Act for the relief of such of his Majesty's loyal Sub-

jects, as are Inhabitants of the Province of Georgia, or have any Property or Intercourse here.

ORDERED That M^r Robertson, M^r Jones & M^r Mossman be the Committee for that purpose.

RESOLVED That the Order of the day be adjourned over till tomorrow morning.

The Bill, entitled an Act for ascertaining the Qualification of Jurors, and for establishing the Method of balloting and summoning of Jurors in the Province of Georgia, and for repealing the several Laws of the Province herein after mentioned, regarding the form Method of regulating, balloting and summoning of Jurors in this Province, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed.

M^r Robertson from the Committee appointed to prepare & bring in a Bill for the relief of such of his Majesty's loyal Subjects, as are Inhabitants of the Province of Georgia, or have any Property or Intercourse here, reported that they had prepared & were ready to deliver the same to the House, when the House would be pleased to receive it.

ORDERED that the report he now made, which was done accordingly, & then the said Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

M^r Hall from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, entitled an Act for the regulation of Auctions, laying a Duty on Goods Wares and Merchandise sold at Auction, and for empowering the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being to licence Auctioneers, reported they had prepared the same, and were ready to make their report, when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED That the report be now made, which was done accordingly; and then the said Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read the second time.

M^r Hall from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill intitled an Act to explain, amend and reduce into one Act of Assembly the several Laws now in being, relative to the regulating the Town of Savannah, and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging, reported, that they had prepared the said Bill, and were ready to make their report, when the House would be pleased to receive it.

ORDERED That the report be now made, which was done accordingly, and then the said Bill was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Motion was made that an Address be presented to the Governor, recommending a speedy Stop to be put to the admission of Flags of Truce into this Town.

ORDERED that M^r Zubly, M^r Simpson and M^r Hall be the Committee for that purpose.

The order of the day for taking into Consideration the Address to his Majesty, being read, Resolved that the said Address be taken into Consideration tomorrow morning.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow morning Ten OClock.

(From B. P.:R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Wednesday May 24th 1780.

The Bill entituled an Act for the relief of such of his Majesty's loyal Subjects, as are Inhabitants of the Prov-

ince of Georgia, or have any Property or Intercourse here, was read the second time and ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled an Act to explain, amend and reduce into one Act of Assembly the several Laws now in being relative to the regulating the Town of Savannah, and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed.

Tho^s Goldsmith Esq^r elected and returned for the Parish of St Philip, attended and declined taking his Seat.

A Message from the Upper House, by the Master in Chancery.

That the Upper House had passed a Bill, entitled an Act to explain, amend and make more effectual an Act passed the 9th day of June 1761 entitled an act for subjecting and making liable to attachment the Estate real and personal of absent debtors, in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons within this Province, and desired the Concurrence of this House therein.

The Bill entitled an Act for the regulation of Auctions, laying a Duty on Goods, Wares and Merchandise sold at Auction, & for empowering the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being to license Auctioneers was read the second time and ordered to be committed.

M^r Zubly from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Governor, recommending a Speedy Stop to the admission of Flags of Truce into this Town, reported they had prepared the same, and were ready to make their report, when the House would be pleased to receive it.

ORDERED That the report be now made, which was done accordingly and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That M^r Hall and M^r Zubly do wait on the Governor with the same.

Motion was made to address his Excellency the Governor, to issue a Writ for the election of one Member for the Parish of St Philip, in the room of Thomas Goldsmith Esq^r who has declined taking his Seat.

ORDERED That M^r Hall and M^r Zubly do wait on his Excellency the Governor with the said Address.

They accordingly withdrew with the said Address, and being returned M^r Hall reported that he with M^r Zubly had according to order waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to answer that he would give orders for a Writ immediately; and that he would recommend the Matter of Flags of Truce to the Commander in Chief, and did not doubt but it would be carried into execution.

The order of the day being read, The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take under consideration the Address of both Houses to his Majesty, and after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Zubly from the Committee reported that they had taken the same under consideration, made several amendments thereto, and were ready to report, when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED That the report be now made, and M^r Zubly read the same with the amendments in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where they were again read & agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the said Address be Engrossed.

ORDERED That the Address to his Majesty with the

Amendments be carried to the Committee of the Upper House.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow morning Ten OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Thursday May 25th 1780.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take under Consideration the Bill, entitled an Act for the relief of such of his Majesty's loyal Subjects; as are Inhabitants of the Province of Georgia, or have thy Property or Intercourse therein, and after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Robertson from the Committee reported that the House had taken under consideration the said Bill, and made several amendments thereto, which he was ready to report, when the House would be pleased to receive it.

Ordered That the said report be now made, which was done accordingly, the Bill read with its amendments, and agreed to by the House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take under consideration a Bill entitled an Act to explain amend and reduce into one Act of Assembly the several Laws now in being relative to the regulating the Town of Savannah, and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging, and after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Hall from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill into Consideration, made several amendments thereto, which he was ready to report, when the House would be pleased to receive it.

ORDERED that the report be now made, which was done accordingly, the Bill read with its amendments, and agreed to by the House.

RESOLVED That the Title of the said Bill be a Bill, entitled an Act to explain, amend, and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in being, relative to the regulating the Town and Common of Savannah, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

ORDERED That the said Bill be Engrossed.

RESOLVED That M^r Munro have leave of absence for a fortnight.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow morning ten OClock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Friday May 26th 1780.

The Bill, entitled an Act for the relief of such of his Majesty's loyal Subjects, as are Inhabitants of the Province of Georgia, or have any Property or Intercourse therein, was read the third time.

RESOLVED That the said Bill do pass.

ORDERED That M^r Robertson do carry the same to the Upper House, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take under Consideration a Bill, entitled an Act for the regulation of Auctions, laying a Duty on Goods, Wares and Merchandise sold at Auction, and for empowering the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being to licence Auctioneers, and after

some time spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Hall from the Committee reported, they had taken under consideration the said Bill, made several amendments thereto, which he was ready to report, when the House would be pleased to receive it.

ORDERED That the report be now made, which was done accordingly, the Bill read with its amendments, and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the said Bill be Engrossed.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery desiring the Concurrence of this House to a Bill, entitled an Act to attaint of high Treason the several Persons, herein after named, who are either absent from this Province, or in that part of it, which is still in Rebellion against his Majesty, and to vest their real and personal Estates in his Majesty his Heirs and Successors in manner herein after mentioned, subject to the Lawfull Debts and Claims thereupon.

ORDERED That the Clerk do read the said Bill, and the said Bill was read accordingly.

Motion was made that the said Bill be read a second time on Thursday next, that the same lie on the Table in the mean time for the Perusal of Members, and that all absent Members be required to attend their Duty in this House, and not depart from the same, while the said Bill is depending.

The Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Upper House, reported that the Upper House had agreed to the amendments made by this House in the Address to his Majesty and proposed an Addition, to which they desired the Concurrence of this House, and the Addition was accordingly agreed to.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Saturday May 27th 1780

The House met according to adjournment, and adjourned till Monday morning Ten OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Monday May 29th 1780.

The Bill entitled an Act to explain amend and reduce into one Act the several Laws, now in being relative to the regulating the Town and Common of Savannah, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the third time,

RESOLVED That the said Bill do pass.

ORDERED That M^r Hall do carry the same to the Upper House, & desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill entitled an Act for the regulation of Auctions, laying a Duty on Goods, Wares and Merchandise sold at Auctions, and for empowering the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being to licence Auctioneers, was read the third time.

RESOLVED That the said Bill do pass.

ORDERED That M^r Hall do carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow morning Ten OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Tuesday May 30th 1780.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take under consideration a Bill entitled an Act for ascertaining the Qualification of Jurors and for Establishing the Method of balloting and summoning of Jurors in the Province of Georgia, and for repealing the several Laws of this Province herein after mentioned, regarding the form, method of regulating, balloting and summoning of Jurors in this Province, and after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Robertson from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which he was ready to report, when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED That the report be now made.

Then M^r Robertson in his place read the same, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same being again read with the Amendments was agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the said Bill with the Amendments be Engrossed.

Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery, that the Bill, entitled an Act for the relief of such of his Majesty's Loyal Subjects, as are Inhabitants of the Province of Georgia, or have any Property or Intercourse here, had passed in the Upper House without any Amendment.

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Ten OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Wednesday May 31st 1780.

The House being informed that several persons, Enemies to His Majesty's Person & Government, & who have long been active in the American Rebellion, & who have neglected to avail themselves hitherto of the Benefit of the several proclamations issued, offering terms of Pardon & Forgiveness mean now to come in and propose terms for themselves and others, induced, not from a Conviction of their Crimes, but from an Apprehension of danger to themselves, from the late Successes of his Majesty's Arms, as this House is led to believe, Therefore Resolved that it is the Opinion of this House, that not any of such persons, should be admitted to any pardon, nor ought they or any of them be suffered to come into Savannah, or within twenty five Miles thereof, until such time as the Bill now depending in this House, relative to such Offenders, and every other Bill, that may be brought in, this present Session, regarding them, be determined upon—and that a Copy of this Resolution be immediately laid before his Excellency the Governor.

ORDERED That M^r Simpson and M^r Hall do wait on his Excellency with the same.

M^r Simpson and M^r Hall waited on his Excellency accordingly, and being returned, M^r Simpson reported, that pursuant to the order of the House, they had waited on the Governor with the said resolution, & that his Excellency was pleased to say, that he would lay the same before the Council tomorrow morning.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take under consideration an Engrossed Bill from the Upper House, entitled an Act to explain,

amend & make more effectual an Act passed the 9th day of June 1761, entitled an Act for subjecting & making liable to attachment the Estate real and personal of absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons within this Province; & after some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Robertson from the Committee reported, that they had taken the said Bill under consideration, & made several amendments thereto, which he was ready to report, when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED That the report be now made.

Then M^r Robertson read the said Bill with its Amendments, and delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Amendments to the said Bill be Engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow morning Ten OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Thursday June 1st 1780.

The Bill entitled an Act for ascertaining the Qualifications of Jurors, & for establishing the method of balloting and summoning of Jurors in the Province of Georgia, and for repealing the several Laws of this Province herein after mentioned, regarding the former Method of regulating, balloting and summoning of Jurors in this Province, was read the third time.

RESOLVED That the said Bill do pass.

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ORDERED That M^r Robertson do carry the same to the Upper House, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Order of the day being read, the Engrossed Bill from the Upper House entitled an Act to attaint of high Treason the several Persons herein after named, who are either absent from this Province, or in that part of it, which is still in Rebellion against his Majesty, and to vest their real and personal Estates in his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, in manner herein after mentioned, subject to the Lawfull Debts and Claims thereupon, was read the second time and ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Motion was made that Application be immediately made to the Upper House for such Evidence, as they may be possessed of against the several Persons named in the Engrossed Bill sent down from them.

ORDERED That M^r Robertson and M^r Simpson do wait on the Upper House for that purpose.

They accordingly withdrew, and being returned, M^r Robertson reported, that pursuant to Order, he with M^r Simpson had waited on the Upper House, who had furnished them with sundry Affidavits respecting the Persons named in the Engrossed Bill of attaignment sent by them to this House, and he delivered them in at the Table, where they were received and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table for the perusal of the Members.

Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to inspect such Laws and Ordinances that are expired or near expiring, or may require Amendment or continuation & report the same.

ORDERED That M^r Zubly, M^r Simpson and M^r Jones be a Committee for that purpose.

The Engrossed Bill from the Upper House entitled an Act to explain, amend and make more effectual an Act passed the 9th day of June 1761 entitled an Act for subjecting and making liable to Attachment the Estate real and personal of Absent Debtors, in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons within this Province, was read the third time, and passed with the Amendments.

ORDERED That M^r Robertson carry the same to the Upper House.

Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery— That the Bill entitled an Act for the regulation of Auctions laying a Duty on Goods, Wares and Merchandise sold at Auctions, and for empowering the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being to licence Auctioneers, had passed in the Upper House, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House— and also to a Bill with Amendments, entitled an Act to explain amend and reduce into one Act, the several Laws now in being, relative to the regulating the Town and Common of Savannah, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow morning ten OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Friday June 2^d 1780.

Motion was made that the Amendments of the Upper House to the Engrossed Bill, entitled an Act to explain,

amend & reduce into one Act the several Laws now in being relative to the regulating the Town and Common of Savannah, and for other purposes therein mentioned; be taken under consideration, which was done accordingly and the amendments agreed to by the House.

Motion was made that the amendments of the Upper House to the Engrossed Bill, entitled an Act for the regulation of Auctions, laying a Duty on Goods, Wares and Merchandise sold at Auctions, and for empowering the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being to licence Auctioneers, be taken under consideration, which was done accordingly, and the amendments agreed to by the House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take under consideration the Engrossed Bill from the Upper House, entitled an Act to attaint of high Treason, the several persons herein after mentioned, who are either absent from this Province, or in that part of it which is still in Rebellion against his Majesty, and to vest their real and personal Estates in his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, in manner herein after mentioned, subject to the lawfull debts and claims thereupon and after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Hall from the Committee of the whole House, reported, that they had taken, the said Bill under consideration, made some progress therein and that he was directed to move for leave to sitt again.

ORDERED That leave be granted them to sit again.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow morning Nine OClock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Saturday June 3^d 1780.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take under further consideration the Engrossed Bill from the Upper House, entitled an Act to attaint of high Treason, the several persons herein after mentioned, who are either absent from this Province, or in that part of it, which is still in Rebellion against his Majesty and to vest their real and personal Estates in his Majesty his Heirs and Successors in manner herein after mentioned, subject to the lawful debts and Claims thereupon; and after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Hall from the Committee of the whole House, reported that they had taken the said Bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto which he was directed to report, when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED That the report be now made.

Then M^r Hall read the same with the amendments and delivered it in at the Table, where the same being read by the Clerk was agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Amendments be Engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till Monday morning Ten OClock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Monday June 5th 1780.

The House met according to adjournment, and adjourned till tomorrow Morning ten OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Tuesday June 6th 1780.

The House met according to adjournment, and adjourned till tomorrow Morning ten OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Wednesday June 8^m 1780

A Petition from Philip Dell, with his name subscribed thereto, was presented to the House and read, setting forth that he had in May 1779 leased the Ferry, on Great Ogechee River at the Rate of eighty one pounds a Year, but from the late Invasion, and the frequent Incursions of the Rebels he was in a great Measure deprived of the Benefit of his lease, and otherwise greatly injured in his Property, therefore prays the House to take his Case into Consideration, and grant such relief, as to the House shall seem meet.

ORDERED That the said Petition do lie on the Table for the perusal of the Members:

A Memorial from Lachlan M'Gillivray, with his name subscribed thereto, was presented to the House, setting forth that being informed George Galphin Esq^r is to be attainted of high Treason, he begs leave to represent him as a man universally esteemed by all that knew him, and who has most faithfully served his King and Country, under the British Government, and that at the Commencement of the Rebellion, he declared he would never take any part therein, further than to prevent the Merciless Savages from murdering the helpless Women and Children, which he happily effected: he therefore hopes

this House will be pleased to extend their Mercy and forgiveness to him.

ORDERED that the said Memorial do lie on the Table for the perusal of the Members.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill entitled an Act for the relief of such of his Majesty's loyal Subjects, as have any real and personal property in the Province of Georgia, and whose Title deeds, Evidences, Vouchers and Writings have been either lost, destroyed or carried off, during the late Rebellion in the said Province.

ORDERED That M^r Robertson, M^r Zubly and M^r Fox be the Committee for that purpose.

M^r Robertson from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, entitled an Act for the relief of such of his Majesty's loyal Subjects, as have any real or personal property in the Province of Georgia, and whose Title Deeds, Evidences, Vouchers and Writings have been either lost, destroyed or carried off during the late Rebellion in the said Province, reported that they had prepared the same, and were ready to make their report, when the House would please to receive the same.

ORDERED That the report be now made.

Then M^r Robertson read the same, and delivered it in at the Table, where it was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

A Memorial from George Houstoun with his name subscribed thereto was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that having heard a Bill is now depending in this House for attainting and banishing from this Province, some of the late Inhabitants, amongst which number is John Houstoun, he begs leave to produce some

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Evidences, on behalf of the said John Houstoun, touching his late conduct in this Province, which was granted him; several Gentlemen were called in & examined accordingly.

ORDERED That the said Memorial do lie on the Table, for the perusal of the Members.

M^r Robertson reported that some Gentlemen of the Upper House had furnished him with two Copies of Affidavits, which he delivered in at the Table, where they were read, and ordered to lie on the Table for the perusal of the Members.

RESOLVED That in case of any division of the House, on the engrossed Bill of Attainder from the Upper House, on the third reading thereof, the names of every Member for and against every Question, that may arise thereon, shall be taken down and inserted by the Clerk, in the Minutes of this House, & published if thought proper by the House.

Motion being made that the name of John Glenn, late of the same, Rebel Chief Justice, be inserted in the said Bill, & a Debate arising thereon, the House divided and it passed in the negative.

For the Motion

M^r Simpson
M^r Robertson
M^r Hall
M^r Zubly
M^r Irvin
and M^r Henderson

Against the Motion

M^r Mossman
M^r Butler
M^r Fox
M^r Panton
M^r Jones
M^r Patterson
and M^r Douglass

Motion being made that the name of Joseph Clay, late of the same Rebel Pay Master, be struck out of the Bill,

& a debate arising thereon, the House divided, and it passed in the negative.

For the Motion	Against the Motion
M ^r Mossman	M ^r Robertson
M ^r Fox	M ^r Simpson
M ^r Hall	M ^r Panton
M ^r Douglass	M ^r Butler
M ^r Irvin and M ^r Patterson.	M ^r Jones M ^r Henderson and M ^r Zubly.

The Engrossed Bill from the Upper House, entitled an Act to attaint of high Treason the several persons herein after named, who are either absent from this Province, or in that part of it which is still in Rebellion against his Majesty, and to vest their real and personal Estates in his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors in manner herein after mentioned, subject to the lawful Debts and Claims thereupon, was read the third time, with the Amendments.

RESOLVED That the said Bill do pass.

ORDERED That M^r Simpson do carry the same with the amendments to the Upper House, & desire their concurrence thereto.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow morning Ten OClock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Thursday June 8th 1780.

The Bill entitled an Act for the relief of such of his Majesty's loyal Subjects, as have any real or personal

Property in the Province of Georgia, & whose Title Deeds, Bonds, Notes, and Writings have been either lost destroyed or carried off during the late Rebellion in the said Province, was read the second time, and ordered to be Committed.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill entitled an Act to disqualify and render incapable, the several Persons, herein after named, of holding or exercising any Office of Trust, Honor or Profit, in the Province of Georgia for a certain time, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

ORDERED That M^r Robertson, M^r Simpson and M^r Panton be the Committee for that purpose.

M^r Robertson from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill entitled an Act to disqualify and render incapable the several persons herein after named, of holding or exercising any Office of Trust, Honor or Profit in the Province of Georgia for a certain time and for other purposes therein mentioned, reported that they had prepared the same and were ready to make their report when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED That the report be now made.

Then M^r Robertson read the same and delivered it in at the Table, where it was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take under consideration a Bill, entitled an Act for the relief of such of his Majesty's loyal Subjects, as have any real or personal property in the Province of Georgia, and whose Title Deeds, Evidences, Vouchers or Writings have been either lost, destroyed or carried off during the late Rebellion in the said Prov-

ince, and after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Robertson from the Committee reported, that they had taken the said Bill under consideration, made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report, when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED That the report be now made.

Then M^r Robertson read the same with the Amendments, and delivered it in at the Table, where the same being again read, was agreed to by the House.

ORDERED that the said Bill with the Amendments be Engrossed.

RESOLVED That the Title of the said Bill be a Bill entitled an Act for the relief of such of his Majesty's loyal Subjects as have any real or personal property in the Province of Georgia, & whose Title Deeds, Bonds, Notes, Specialties and other Evidences, Vouchers and writings have been either lost, destroyed or carried off during the Time herein after mentioned.

Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Upper House of Assembly 8th June 1780.

M^r Speaker,

This House desires a present Conference with your House, in the room adjoining the Council Chamber, on the Amendments made by your House to the Bill, entitled an Act to attaint of high Treason, the several persons herein after named, who are either absent from this Province, or in that part of it, which is still in Rebellion against his Majesty, and to vest their real and personal Estates in his Majesty his Heirs, and Successors

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in manner herein after mentioned, subject to lawful Debts and Claims thereupon; and they have appointed M^r Stokes & M^r Johnston to manage the Conference.

They likewise desire this House to return the Certificates sent down by the Upper House, with such others as they may have been furnished with.

ORDERED That the following Answer be sent thereto.

Commons House of Assembly June 8th 1780.

Hon^{ble} Gentlemen,

In Answer to your Message this House doth agree to the Conference you desire in the room adjoining the Council Chamber, immediately upon the Amendments made to the Bill, entitled an Act to attaint of high Treason the several persons herein after named, who are either absent from this Province, or in that part of it, which is still in Rebellion against his Majesty, and to vest their real & personates ^(sic) in his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors in manner herein after mentioned, subject to the lawful Debts and Claims thereupon; and the Committee are M^r Robertson, M^r Mossman, D^r Irvin, M^r Douglass and M^r Jones.

ORDERED That M^r Hall do carry the above to the Upper House.

The Committee waited on the Upper House accordingly, & being returned, M^r Robertson reported that they had waited on the Upper House, with the Amendments made to the Bill entitled an Act to attaint of high Treason the several persons herein after named, who are either absent from this Province, or in that part of it, which is still in Rebellion against his Majesty, and to vest their real and personal Estates in his Majesty, his Heirs

& Successors, in manner herein after mentioned, subject to the lawful Debts and Claims thereupon, that they had agreed to some of them, disagreed to others, and had made some further amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

ORDERED That the amendments to the said Bill, be taken under consideration on Monday next, and that all the Members do attend punctually.

A Bill entitled an Act for limitation of Actions, and for avoiding Suits of Law & to repeal the Law heretofore passed, relative thereto, and for other purposes herein after mentioned, was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow morning Eight OClock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Saturday ^(sic) Friday June 9th 1780.

The House met according to adjournment, and adjourned till tomorrow morning Eight OClock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Saturday June 10th 1780.

The Bill entitled an Act for the relief of such of his Majesty's loyal Subjects, as have any real or personal property, in the Province of Georgia, and whose Title Deeds, Bonds, Notes, Specialties, and other Evidences, Vouchers and Writings have been either lost, destroyed,

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or carried off during the time herein after mentioned, was read the third time.

RESOLVED That the said Bill do pass.

ORDERED That M^r Hall do carry the same to the Upper House, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill entitled an Act to disqualify & render incapable the several persons herein after named of holding or exercising any Office of Trust, Honor or Profit, in the Province of Georgia for a certain time, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time and ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled an Act for Limitation of Actions, and for avoiding Suits of Law and to repeal the Law heretofore passed relative thereto, and for other purposes herein after mentioned, was read the second time, and Ordered to be Committed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take under consideration a Bill entitled an Act to disqualify & render incapable the several persons hereinafter named, of holding or exercising any Office of Trust, Honor or Profit, in the Province of Georgia for a certain time, and for other purposes therein mentioned, & after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Robertson from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report, when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED That the report be now made.

Then M^r Robertson read the same and delivered it in

at the Table where it was again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

Then the House adjourned till Monday morning Ten OClock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Monday June 12th 1780.

M^r Speaker laid before the House a letter he had received from Grey Elliott Esq^r which was read by the Clerk in the words following.

Honorable Gentlemen,

In the Letter which I had the Honor to write you some time ago relating to the Arrear due to me from this Province, I did not presume to offer my Service to the Public of Georgia as their Agent, as I thought it might appear improper; Give me leave now to do it, and to assure you that I shall, if you think proper to chuse me, neglect nothing in my Power to Convince You and them, how much I have the Welfare and Prosperity of the Province at heart,

I am very respectfully Hon^{bly} Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

GREY ELLIOTT

London Sep^r 13th 1779.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take under consideration the Bill enti-

tled an Act for Limitation of Actions and for avoiding Suits of Law, and to repeal the Law heretofore passed relative thereto, and for other purposes therein mentioned, and after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resum'd the Chair, and M^r Jones from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill under consideration, made several amendments thereto & were ready to make their report, when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED That the report be now made.

Then M^r Jones read the same with the Amendments, and delivered it in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the said Bill be Engrossed.

The Order of the day being read for taking under consideration the Subject Matter of the Conference upon the Engrossed Bill from the Upper House, entitled an Act to attaint of high Treason the several persons herein after named who are either absent from this Province, or in that part of it which is still in Rebellion against his Majesty, and to vest their real and personal Estates in his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, in manner herein after mentioned, subject to the lawfull debts and Claims thereupon. Resolved That the House adhere to their amendments heretofore made.

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to the Upper House.

Hon^{ble} Gentlemen,

This House is desirous to renew the Conference, with respect to the subject matter of the amendments made to your Engrossed Bill, entitled an Act to attaint of high

Treason the several persons herein after named, who are either absent from this Province or in that part of it, which is still in Rebellion against his Majesty, and to vest their real and personal Estates in his Majesty his Heirs and Successors in manner herein after mentioned, subject to the lawfull debts and Claims thereupon.

A Bill entitled an Act to disqualify and render incapable the several persons herein after named, who holding or exercising any Office of Trust, Honor or Profit, in the Province of Georgia, for a certain time, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the third time.

RESOLVED That the said Bill do pass.

ORDERED That M^r Zubly do carry the same to the Upper House & desire their concurrence thereto.

Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery

Upper House of Assembly 12th June 1780.

M^r Speaker,

In Answer to your Message this House doth agree to the Conference you desire in the room adjoining the Council Chamber immediately, upon the amendments to the Bill, entitled an Act to attaint of high Treason the several persons, herein after named, who are either absent from this Province or in that part of it which is still in Rebellion against his Majesty, & to vest their real and personal Estates in his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors in manner herein after mentioned, subject to the lawfull Debts and Claims thereupon.

M^r Speaker laid before the House another letter he

had received from Gray Elliott Esq^r which was read to the House in the words following.

Hon^{ble} Gentlemen,

It is with the most unfeigned satisfaction that I congratulate you upon a restoration of that Harmony which the misfortunes of the times have so long and so unhappily interrupted; may it ever remain undisturbed. Most of you Gentlemen know that I acted as agent for Georgia, under the appointment of 1773 for two Years, and I flatter myself it appeared by my letters to the Committee of correspondence, that no one could more diligently, dispassionately & impartially discharge that Trust, than I did.

As I am sensible of the present situation of the Province, I should be unwilling to make any Application to the Legislature, that may be attended with an expence, but having been in some degree affected by the General Calamity I am really under the necessity of reminding You, that I never received any Salary for the time I acted: in my Ordinance the Salary was fixed at £100 tho' Dr Franklin was by the last appointment allowed £150—I have enclosed an Account of my disbursements. It is usual for the Agents to charge 10^s per Day, every time they attend at the Secretary's of State's Office, or any other public Business, but I have charged what I really disbursed—I must beg you will be pleased to settle that Account and Salary with M^r Tattnall. I shall be happy of any Opportunity of convincing You how much I interest myself in the Welfare of Georgia, and am very respectfully, Hon^{ble} Gentlemen,

Your most Obe^{nt} Humble Servant

GREY ELLIOTT

Plantation Office, Whitehall

July 12th 1779.

Honble the Council and Assembly of Georgia.

Motion was made that an Address be presented to his Excellency requesting that he would be pleased to adjourn this House until Monday the twenty sixth Inst^t; which was accordingly prepared in the words following.

May it please your Excellency

The Commons House of Assembly humbly requests your Excellency will be pleased to adjourn this House until Monday the 26th Inst^t as several of the Members are obliged to attend the Court of Sessions, which commences tomorrow.

ORDERED That M^r Hall and M^r Jones do wait on his Excellency with the above, who accordingly withdrew, and being returned, reported that they had received an Answer in the Words following.

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly

I do hereby adjourn the Commons House of Assembly, until Monday the 26th day of this Instant June; then to meet for the dispatch of business, and it is accordingly adjourned to the 26th day of this Instant.

Given under my hand at Savannah this 12th day of June 1780.

JAMES WRIGHT.

To the Hon^{ble} the Speaker and Members of the Commons House of Assembly.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Monday June 26th 1780.

The Bills entitled an Act for Limitation of Actions and for avoiding Suits at Law, and to repeal the Law heretofore passed relative thereto, and for other purposes herein after mentioned, was read the third time.

RESOLVED That the said Bill do pass.

ORDERED That M^r Jones do carry the same to the Upper House, and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Memorial of the Rev^d James Brown Officiating Minister for the Parish of Christ Church was presented to the House and read, setting forth, That the Memorialist having left the Province of Virginia, at the breaking out of the present disturbances thereby lost his Property, and prospects of preferment; after continuing above four Years in England, he was appointed Missionary for the Parish of St George's, in the said Province of Georgia, by the Society for the propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts, and in consequence thereof embarked for this Province, and arrived here on the 29th of March last.

That on the Memorialist's arrival, he was informed by his Excellency, Sir James Wright, that it would be impossible for him to repair immediately to the Parish of St George, it being then in the power of the Rebels; and being informed there was no Minister of the Church of England in this Place, the Memorialist proposed to his Excellency to do the Duty here, while he staid, of which proposal his Excellency approved, and in Consequence the Memorialist has ever since his arrival officiated as Minister of the said Parish of Christ Church, and that

not only in performing public Service regularly in Church every Sunday; but also in attending funerals, Baptizing Children, and doing every other part of Clerical duty.

That the Memorialist not being entitled to the temporalities of the living of the said Parish of Christ Church, has no regular Income nor Support, except a few occasional Surplice fees, and the Memorialist's dependance for a living is on his Profession.

The Memorialist therefore requests, that this Hon^{ble} House will be pleased to take his case into Consideration, and vote such a provision or allowance for his Support, as to them shall seem proper, and equal to the occasion for the time he has officiated, and may continue to officiate as Minister in the said Parish of Christ Church.

The House taking into consideration the said Memorial.

RESOLVED That this House is of opinion that the said James Brown, should receive from the Public of this Province, for the Services already by him performed, and for his continuance in the Duties of his Profession in the Parish of Christ Church, the Monthly allowance of Ten Guineas, and that this House will provide for the same, Also further Resolved that his Excellency the Governor be requested to advance such Monies from time to time on the Credit of this House, out of any Monies that may be in the Treasury of this Province.

Message from his Excellency by the Master in Chancery.

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly.

I must recommend to your consideration the State of

our Paper Currency, particularly that issued under the Authority of the Loan Act, which has been confirmed by his Majesty.

The Sum originally issued was £7410. Sterling, a great deal of which, I presume is lost and destroyed; and what still remains in the possession of the Inhabitants, is in a great measure useless to them, and the Public; because many people on account of its having lost its currency, scruple to receive it. I trust therefore that you will deliberate on this Matter, and come to such Resolution thereon, as may give proper relief to the possessors of those Bills in such way as you may see fit.

JAMES WRIGHT—Savannah 26th June, 1780.

RESOLVED That the above Message be taken under consideration on Wednesday next.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow morning ten OClock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Tuesday June 27th 1780.

The Clerk of the Crown attended with the Presentments of the Grand Jury for June Sessions 1780, which were presented and read by the Clerk.

ORDERED That the same do lie on the Table for the perusal of the Members.

M^r Zubly from the Committee appointed to inspect the Laws, & report such as are expired or near expiring, or should be continued, or amended, Reported as their Opinion.

That an Act passed 12th of March 1774 to regulate the Wharves and Shipping in the several ports of this Province, and ascertaining the rates of Wharfage of Shipping and Storage, and also the Duty of an Harbour Master for the Port of Savannah, & to authorize the said Harbour Master to put in force an Act, entitled an Act to amend an Act to prevent persons throwing ballast or Rubbish, or falling Trees into the Rivers and Navigable Creeks, within this Province, and for keeping Clear the Channels of the same, which was to be, and continue in force for three Years, and from thence to the end of the next Session of the General Assembly and no longer, will expire with this Session.

An Act passed 12th March 1774 to empower certain Commissioners appointed to regulate the hire of Porters and labour of Slaves in the town of Savannah, which was to continue in force for two years, & from thence to the end of the next Session of the General Assembly, and no longer, will expire with this Session, & ought to be continued.

An Act passed 12th of March 1774 to oblige the Planters of Indigo, after steeping the Weed to bury or destroy it, within a limited time, which was to continue in force for two Years, and from thence to the end of the next Sessions of the General Assembly, and no longer, will expire with this Session, and ought to be continued.

An Act passed 12th March 1774 to ascertain the Boundary Line between the Two Courts of Conscience, in the Parish of S^t George, which was to continue in force for two Years, will expire with this Session, and ought to be continued.

An Act passed 29th September 1773 for the settling and ascertaining the fees to be taken by the several Pub-

lic Officers, and Persons herein after named, will expire with this Session, and ought to be continued.

An Act passed 29th September 1773 to prevent the stealing of horses and neat Cattle, and unlawfully branding, marking, killing or driving the same, will expire with this Session, and ought to be continued.

An Act passed 29th September 1773 for granting to his Majesty a Duty upon raw neat Hides, exported from this Province and for preventing the Exportation of unmerchantable Tan Leather will expire with this Session, and ought to be continued.

An Act passed 29th September 1773 to empower Commissioners or Surveyors to lay out, make and repair the Roads already laid out, or that may hereafter be necessary, and also to clear the Rivers and Creeks within their respective divisions, will expire with this Session & ought to be continued.

An Act passed 29th September 1773 for the better ordering the Militia, will expire with this Session, and ought to be continued.

An Act passed 29th September 1773 to oblige Masters of Vessels & other transient persons, importing Negroes or other Slaves, Goods Wares and Merchandise, to pay Tax for the same, and to compel the persons directed to receive the same, to give Security for the due performance of their Office; and for the Monies that may be received by them by Virtue of any Act of this Province; will expire with this Session, and ought to be continued.

An Act passed 29th September 1773 to prevent Mischiefs arising from the Practice of Hunting or killing Deer by fire Light, in the night time, will expire with this Session

An Act passed 29th September 1773 to prevent Damages arising from Dams or Banks, and for preventing persons from stopping the natural Course or Courses of Water to the Injury of their Neighbours, will expire with this Session, and ought to be continued.

An Act passed 29th September 1773 to empower Commissioners therein named to lease to the 31st of December next, and then to put up to Sale for the Benefit of the Public, the Ferry over Great Ogeechee River for a term of Years, and to authorise the said Commissioners to inspect and regulate the said Ferry; ought to be continued.

An Act passed 29th September 1773 to Continue the several therein mentioned; and for vesting several Ferries in this Province in the Persons therein mentioned will expire with this Session and ought to be continued.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to continue the several Laws therein mentioned.

ORDERED That M^r Zubly, M^r Jones and M^r Simpson be the Committee for that purpose.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Wednesday June 28th 1780.

The Prothonotary, pursuant to order of Court, attended with several Papers, which were read by the Clerk; The Titles of which are as follow.

A Rule of his Majesty's General Court made on Monday, the 27th day of March 1780.

A Rule of the General Court made 17th March 1780.

A Rule of Court made 17th March 1780.

ORDERED That the above Papers do lie on the Table for the perusal of the Members.

George Baillie Esq^r being returned a Representative for the Parish of S^t Mathew, and not attending,

ORDERED That the Clerk do write him, acquainting him therewith, and desiring his immediate attendance.

RESOLVED That the Order of the day be adjourned over till Monday next.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow morning Eleven OClock

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Thursday June 29th 1780.

George Baillie Esq^r elected and returned as a Representative for the Parish of S^t Mathew, in the room of Basil Cowper Esq^r who had taken his seat for the District of Vernonburgh in the Parish of Christ Church, proved himself duly qualified, agreeable to the Act of the General Assembly, and then took the Oaths, made & subscribed the declaration, and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, & afterwards took his seat as a Member of this House.

Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery.

That the Bill entitled an Act to disqualify and render incapable the several persons herein after named of hold-

ing or exercising any Office of Trust, Honor or Profit, in the Province of Georgia, for a certain time, and for other purposes therein mentioned, had passed in the Upper House, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

RESOLVED nem. con. that this House doth agree to the Amendments made by the Upper House to the said Bill.

M^r Zubly from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to continue the several Laws therein mentioned, reported, that they had prepared the same, and were ready to make their report, when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED That the report be now made.

Then M^r Zubly read the same in his place, and delivered it in at the Table, where it was read the first time and ordered to be read the second time.

ORDERED That M^r Zubly, M^r Jones and M^r Hall be the Committee of this House to join the Committee of the Upper House, to examine the Engrossed Bills.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow morning Eleven OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Friday June 30th 1780.

The Bill entitled an Act to continue the several Laws therein mention'd was read the second time.

ORDERED That the said Bill be Engrossed.

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That the Bill entitled an Act for the relief of such of his Majesty's loyal subjects, as have any real or personal Property in the Province of Georgia, and whose Title Deeds, Bonds, Notes, Specialties & other Evidences, Vouchers and Writings have been either lost, destroyed or carried off, during the time herein after mentioned, had passed in the Upper House with some amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to the Upper House.

Commons House of Assembly June 30th 1780.

Honorable Gentlemen,

This House having taken under consideration the Amendments made by your House, to the Bill, entitled an Act for the relief of such of his Majesty's loyal Subjects, as have any real or personal Property in the Province of Georgia, and whose Title Deeds, Bonds, Notes, Specialties, and other Evidences, Vouchers and Writings have been either lost destroyed or carried off during the time herein after mentioned, have agreed to some of them and disagreed to others, and have appointed a Committee to meet a Committee of your House, at such time and place, as you may please to appoint.

The Committee are M^r Robertson, M^r Jones and M^r Baillie.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow morning Nine OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Saturday July 1st 1780.

A Bill entitled an Act to continue the several Laws therein mentioned, was read a third time.

RESOLVED That the said Bill do pass.

ORDERED That M^r Simpson do carry the same to the Upper House, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Upper House of Assembly 30th June 1780.

M^r Speaker,

In Answer to your Message, this House doth agree to the Conference you desire, in the room adjoining the Council Chamber, on Monday next, at Eleven OClock, forenoon, upon the Amendments made by this House to the Bill, entituled an Act for the relief of such of his Majesty's loyal Subjects, as have any real or personal property in the Province of Georgia, and whose Title Deeds, Bonds, Notes, Specialties, and other Evidences, Vouchers and Writings, have been either lost, destroyed or carried off, during the time herein after mentioned.

The Committee are M^r Stokes and M^r Jollie.

Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery.

That the Upper House had agreed to some of the Amendments made by this House to the Bill, entituled an Act to explain amend and make more effectual an Act passed the 9th day of June 1761, entituled an Act for sub-

jecting and making liable to Attachment the Estate real and personal of absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any person or persons within this Province.

Message from his Excellency by the Master in Chancery

That the Governor desires the attendance of this House, in the Council Chamber immediately.

The House attended accordingly, when his Excellency was pleased to assent to a Bill entitled an Act to disqualify and render incapable the several persons herein after named of holding or exercising any Office of Trust, Honor or Profit, in the Province of Georgia for a certain time, and for other purposes therein mentioned and likewise to a Bill, entitled an Act for the relief of such of his Majesty's loyal Subjects, as are Inhabitants of the Province of Georgia, or have any Property or Inter-course therein.

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to inspect and enquire into the Number of Houses in the Town and Environs of Savannah, and to make their report thereon.

ORDERED That M^r Baillie, M^r Douglass and M^r Yonge be the Committee for that purpose,

Then the House adjourned till Monday morning Eleven OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Monday July 3^d 1780.

M^r Robertson from the Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Upper House, on the Amend-

ments by them made to a Bill entitled an Act for the relief of such of his Majesty's loyal Subjects, as have any real or personal property, and whose Title Deeds, Bonds, Notes, Specialties, and other Evidences, Vouchers and Writings, have been either lost, destroyed or carried off, during the time herein after mentioned— Reported That they had accordingly met and conferred on the subject Matter of the said Amendments, and had agreed thereto; which report was also agreed to by the House.

The House took under consideration the disagreement of the Upper House to the Amendments made by this House to their engrossed Bill, entitled an Act to explain, amend and make more effectual an Act passed the 9th day of June 1761, entitled an Act for subjecting and making liable to attachment the Estate real and personal of absent Debtors, in the Custody or Power of any person or persons within this Province, and adhered to one of their amendments.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow morning ten OClock

(From *B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I.*, Vol. 235.)

Tuesday July 4th 1780.

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till tomorrow morning Eleven OClock.

(From *B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I.*, Vol. 235.)

Wednesday July 5th 1780.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery.

That the Bill entitled an Act for Limitation of Actions, and for avoiding Suits at Law and to repeal the Law heretofore passed relative thereto, and for other purposes herein after mentioned, had passed in the Upper House, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House, And that the Bill, entitled an Act to continue the several Laws therein mentioned, had also passed in the Upper House with some Amendments, to which they also desire the Concurrence of this House.

The House took under consideration the Amendments made by the Upper House to the said Bills, and agreed to the same.

ORDERED That M^r Hall do acquaint the Upper House that this House doth agree with their House in the said Amendments.

The House agreeable to the Order of the day, having taken under consideration his Excellency's Message of the 26 June last, Resolved That a Committee be appointed to give Notice to the Possessors of all the Money passed and confirmed by an Act of the General Assembly, entitled an Act for stamping, Imprinting, Issuing and making Current the Sum of Seven thousand, four hundred and ten Pounds, in Paper Bills of Credit, and for applying the same, to render to them, or either of them, on Oath, a State or Account of the several Sums of which they are possessed, and that the Committee report their proceedings at the next meeting of the House, in Order that such Measures may be pursued, as by the General Assembly, may be thought most expedient.

ORDERED That M^r Zubly, M^r Jones, M^r Baillie, M^r Patterson & M^r Douglas be the said Committee

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery

Upper House 5th July 1780.

Mr Speaker

This House have appointed a Committee to join a Committee of your House to examine the several Bills passed Both Houses, previous to the Governor's Assent. The Committee are M^r Hume M^r Jollie.

ORDERED That M^r Zubly, M^r Jones, & M^r Hall be the Committee of this House to join the Committee of the Upper House to examine the Engrossed Bills for the Governor's Assent.

RESOLVED That this House will provide for all Sums disbursed out of the Treasury, or other Publick Funds for all Accompts passed or to be passed by this House.

RESOLVED That the Sum of Fifty Pounds be allowed to the Clerk of this House, as full Compensation for compleating the Business of the present Session.

RESOLVED That the Sum of Fifteen Pounds each be allowed to the Messenger and Door-Keeper for their Attendance during the present Sessions.

And then the House adjourned till to-morrow morning Ten of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Thursday July 6th 1780

The House met according to adjournment, and adjourned till tomorrow morning Ten O Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Friday July 7th 1780

The House met according to adjournment, and adjourned till tomorrow morning Ten O Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Saturday July 8th 1780

The House met according to adjournment, and adjourned till Monday Morning at Ten O Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Monday July 10th 1780

Isaac Baillou Esq^r Elected and returned a Representative for the District of Great Ogechee and Parish of St Philip, in the room of Tho^s Goldsmith Esq^r who had declined taking his Seat, proved himself duly qualifyed agreeable to the Act of the General Assembly, took the Oaths, made and subscribed the Declaration, and took and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and afterwards took his Seat as a Member of this House.

ORDERED That an Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, desiring he will be pleased to give Orders for issuing new Writs of Election for three Members to represent the Parish of St Pauls, in the room of James Grierson, Andrew M^c Lean, and Joseph Maddox, who have declined taking their Seats: and also a new Writ for one Member for the Parish of St David, and a new Writ for one Member for the Parish of St Mary's;

it appearing by the returns of the Provost Marshall, that no proper person could be procured to hold said Election, within the time prescribed by Law.

The said Address being prepared, was read and agreed to by the House and is as follows

To his Excellency Sir James Wright, Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of Georgia, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

The Address of the Commons House of Assembly.

May it please your Excellency.

The House requests your Excellency will be pleased to order new Writs of Election to be issued for three Members to represent the Parish of S^t Paul; in the room of James Grierson, Andrew M^cLean, and Joseph Maddox, who have declined taking their Seats, also a new Writ for one Member for the Parish of S^t David, and one Member for the Parish of S^t Mary's, it appearing by the Return of the Provost Marshal, that no proper person could be procured to hold said Elections within the time prescribed by Law.

ORDERED That M^r Speaker do sign the said Address.

ORDERED That M^r Hall and M^r Baillie do wait on his Excellency, and present the said Address; and accordingly they withdrew, and being returned, reported, that they had waited on his Excellency therewith, and he was pleased to return for answer that he would give directions for issuing the said Writs immediately.

RESOLVED That the House will provide the Sum of one hundred & fifty Pounds to be paid to the Commiss-

sioners for regulating the Pilotage of the Bar of Tybee, and the River of Savannah, to be applied by them for the purchase of a proper and sufficient Boat for the Use of a Pilot, for the said Bar and River, and to be repaid by them when they shall be entitled to pass Certificates to the said Pilot for the Amount of the said one hundred and fifty Pounds, out of a Bounty allowed by an Act of the General Assembly, for the Encouragement of Pilots, who shall board and take Charge of Vessels bound to Savannah on the outside of Tybee Bar

RESOLVED That during the Recess of this House, the Speaker shall have full power to apply to the Governor for such Writs as may be necessary for the Election of Members to serve in General Assembly, in the room of any Member or Members, who may die, or depart the province with intention not to return.

RESOLVED That the two following Acts passed this present Session, Entitled an Act for the relief of such of his Majesty's loyal Subjects, as have any real or personal property in the Province of Georgia, and whose Title Deeds, Bonds, Notes, Specialties and other Evidences, Vouchers and Writings have been either lost, destroyed, or carried off during the time herein after mentioned.— And an Act Entitled an Act for the relief of such of his Majesty's loyal Subjects, as are Inhabitants of the Province of Georgia, or have any property, or intercourse therein— Be inserted in the Publick Gazette of this Province for three Weeks Successively; And that all the Acts Generally that have passed both Houses, this present Session, and received the Governor's Assent, be likewise printed; and that two hundred Copies be struck off; for the Use of his Excellency the Governor, the Members of the Upper House, and Commons House of Assembly, the Justices of the Peace, and other Public

Officers, having occasion for the said Acts; And that this House will provide at their next meeting a Sum, sufficient to defray the Expence thereof, and Ordered That John Irvine and James Mossman Esq^r do superintend the Press on the above Occasion.

M^r Douglass from the Committee appointed to inspect and enquire into the number of Houses in the Town and Environs of Savannah, Reported That they had finished their Inquiry, and were ready to make their report, when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED That the report be now made.

Then M^r Douglass made the report in his Place, and delivered it at the Table, where it was read by the Clerk and is as follows.—

Your Committee on the strictest examination find, that in the Town and Environs of Savannah, there are two hundred and forty one Houses, containing Seven hundred and nine Rooms.

That the number of white Inhabitants within the said Town and Suburbs amount to seven hundred and forty two (exclusive of Officers and Soldiers) That the names of the Proprietors of the several Houses, and the number of Rooms in each, as also by whom rented or occupied, together with the Number of White Persons in each House, are particularly specified in a Return thereof, now delivered by Your Committee.

ORDERED That the return of the said Committee do lie on the Table, for the perusal of the Members of the House.

Message from his Excellency by the Master in Chan-

cery. That the Governor desires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately.

Accordingly M^r Speaker with the whole House, attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber; where he was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills Viz^t

An Act to explain, amend and reduce into one Act of Assembly the several Laws now in being relative to the ascertaining the Qualifications of Jurors, and for establishing the Method of balloting and Summoning of Jurors in the Province of Georgia

An Act To explain, amend, and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in being relative to the regulating the Town and Commons of Savannah, and for other purposes therein mention'd.

An Act for the Limitation of Actions, and for avoiding Suits at Law and to repeal an Act heretofore made for that purpose, and for other purposes herein after mentioned.

An Act for the regulation of Auctions, laying a duty on Goods, Wares and Merchandise sold at Auction, and for empowering the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being to license Auctioneers.

An Act to continue the several Laws therein mentioned.

An Act for the relief of such of his Majesty's Loyal Subjects, as have any real or personal property in the Province of Georgia, and whose Title Deeds, Bonds, Notes, Specialties and other Evidences, Vouchers and Writings, have been either lost, destroyed or Carried off, during the time herein after mentioned.

And to an Act to explain, amend and make more effectual an Act passed the ninth day of June, one thousand, Sen Hundred and Sixty one, entitled an Act for subjecting and making liable to Attachment the Estate real and personal of absent Debtors, in the Custody or Power of any Person or persons within this Province.

After which his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses.

Honb^{le} Gentlemen,

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly

I return you my best thanks for the Attention You have given to the Publick Concerns, by framing & passing several very Salutary Bills, which fully shew your Zeal for his Majesty's Service) and the Support of Peace, Government, and Good Order, and to which I have very chearfully given my Assent.

I most heartily congratulate You on the reduction of South Carolina to his Majesty's Obedience, and the return of the Inhabitants to their Allegiance not only voluntarily, but in all appearance with an Unfeigned Sincerity, and which has already had an exceeding good effect in the back parts of this Province.

And it gives me the greatest Satisfaction to acquaint to acquaint (^(sic)) You, that the People who reside there, and who have hitherto continued in Arms, have in General, submitted to his Majesty's Authority; and that I have received several Petitions from the Inhabitants in different Districts, to be restored to his Majesty's Peace and Protection, and I am informed others are preparing.

I must recommend it to you, Gentlemen, that you exert

to the Utmost of your Power in the Support of Government, to promote and encourage Industry in your respective Neighborhoods; and to check and bring to punishment, all Plunderers and disorderly and disloyal People; and I doubt not but by a vigilant Exertion— Peace and good Order will soon be established amongst us.

JAMES WRIGHT Savannah in

Georgia, Council Chamber 10th July 1780.

After which his Excellency was pleased to prorogue both Houses to Wednesday the 1st day of November next.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Monday September 25th 1780

The House met pursuant to his Excellency's Proclamation of the twenty first, and adjourned till tomorrow morning Ten O Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Tuesday September 26th 1780

The House met according to adjournment, and adjourned till tomorrow morning Ten O Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Wednesday September 27th 1780

ORDERED That M^r Yonge and M^r Zubly do wait on

his Excellency the Governor, and acquaint him that the House is ready to proceed to business; who accordingly withdrew, and being returned M^r Zubly reported that they had waited on his Excellency according to order, and delivered their Message.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor—

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly.

I am extremely sorry to find myself under the necessity of calling you together again so soon, but the Exegency of the Times requires it.

The late daring Attack on the English Troops at Augusta by a Number of Rebels from South Carolina, joined by others in the Cedar Lands, in which they have failed, shews clearly that the Spirit and Flame of Rebellion is not over, and that Vigorous measures are still necessary, to crush the Rebellion in the back parts of this Province, and that it is also proper we should be prepared against any wicked Attempts, which may be made here, or at Augusta hereafter.

And as some other Fortifications and Works are necessary to be raised and made, and as it has heretofore been found very difficult to collect (Voluntarily) a Sufficient Number of Negroes for that purpose, I must therefore recommend it to You to frame a Short Law, to compel all Persons within such a distance of this Town and Augusta, as you may judge convenient, forthwith to give in an Account of all their Male Slaves from Sixteen Years of Age to Sixty; and that they shall be obliged, when called upon by Proclamation or otherwise, to send immediately such a Proportion of their Negroes, as may be deemed necessary, with proper Tools, and for

such time as the said Works may be found to require their Labor, and to send an Overseer for every fifteen Negroes and a Driver for every Ten.

And you will consider whether all the Inhabitants in the Town should not be obliged to give in an Account of, and to send such Male Slaves, as they have in Town, within the Ages aforesaid, or pay for the same; and whether such Male Inhabitants in the Town, who have no hands liable to work as aforesaid should not be compelled to work themselves, or serve as Overseers.

And Whereas Horses, Carts or Teams may be wanted for removing or carrying Materials for the said Works—I must therefore submit it to your Consideration, whether ample Powers should not be vested somewhere to impress Horses, Carts and Oxen for that purpose, or whether a certain Number of Horses should be purchased for the Use of the Public.

And whereas during the time of the Siege of this Town by the French and Rebels, it was found that the Militia Law was defective, and that Several Persons liable and able to bear Arms, declined and found means to avoid the same, and that the Powers and Penalties given and declared by that Law, were inadequate to the Offences committed, I must therefore recommend it to you to revise the same, and to give such Additional Powers both as to fine and imprisonment, or Corporal Punishment, as may seem expedient.

And as by the said Law there are some directions and Powers given relative to embodying Negroes at particular times, and to a certain amount, it is therefore submitted whether further powers should not be given at this Juncture, for a limited time.

JAMES WRIGHT Savannah 27th Sep^r 1780.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill entitled an Act for the Preservation and Defence of his Majesty's Government in the Province of Georgia, to amend an Act for the better ordering the Militia, and for other purposes herein after mentioned.

ORDERED That M^r Robertson, M^r Yonge, M^r Jones, M^r Douglass and D^r Irvine be the Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Then the House adjourned till tomorrow morning Ten O Clock

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Thursday Sep^r 28th 1780.

The House met according to adjournment, and adjourned till tomorrow morning Ten O Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Friday Sep^r 29th 1780.

M^r Robertson from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill entitled an Act for the preservation and defence of his Majesty's Government, in the Province of Georgia, to amend an Act for the better ordering the Militia, and for other purposes herein after mentioned Reported That they had prepared the same, and were ready to make their report when the House would be pleased to receive it.

ORDERED That the report be now made.

Then M^r Robertson made the report in his place, and

afterwards delivered the Bill in at the Table, where it was read the first time, and ordered, to be read a second time.

A Letter from Simon Munro Esq^r was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that when he left his home, his Stay was only intended (some of his Family being sick, for two or three days, his not having then any intimation of the Assembly meeting, untill he reached Ogeechee, and that from the Situation he left his Family in, he hopes this House will consider real Excuses, and permit his return home.

That at the time he undertook the Trust reposed in him, it was from the Exigency of the Times, at the Commencement of Civil Government in this Province, at a time when the whole of the Parishes were not represented, and that no Consideration but a Wish to support a Government, the Constitution of which he ever gloryed in, would occasion his sacrificysing his private Interest to the Public Good—The Tenor of his Conduct under the late Usurpation, having sufficiently proved him, from the many disagreeable Scenes he encountered—That, as the Prospect is now more agreeable, and the Inconveniency remov'd by Gentlemen, who may be appointed Members, far better calculated to serve their Country, and remove the first Obstacle, he begs leave to resign his Seat—That, his request being granted, will lay him under the greatest Obligation.

The House taking the said letter under Consideration, it was Unanimously Resolved That Leave be granted Simon Munro Esq^r to resign his Seat.

RESOLVED That this House will not esteem itself Chargeable to make Provision for any other Part of the Sum of £7410 formerly issued and made current by an

Act of this Province, confirmed by his Majesty, than such as may be reported on Oath to the Committee of this House, in pursuance of a Resolution made the 26th of June last, and may have been by the said Committee or one of them examined, inspected and an Account taken on or before the first day of November next, and that this Resolution be published in the Gazette.

The House adjourned till Tomorrow morning Ten OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Saturday Sep^r 30th 1780.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill intitled an Act for further amending an Act for regulating the Pilotage of Vessels, into the several Ports of this Province.

ORDERED That M^r Jones, M^r Douglass and M^r Baillie be the Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The Bill intitled an Act for the Preservation and Defence of his Majesty's Government in the Province of Georgia to amend an Act entitled an Act for the better ordering the Militia, and for other purposes herein after mention'd was read a second time and ordered to be Committed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take under Consideration the said Bill, and after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Robertson from the Committee of the whole House. Reported that they had taken the said Bill under Consideration, made several Amendments thereto,

which he was directed to report, when the House would be pleased to receive the same

ORDERED That the Report be now made.

Then M^r Robertson read the same in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table, where it was again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the said Bill with its Amendments be Engrossed—

M^r Jones from the Committee appointed to prepare & bring in a Bill entitled an Act for further amending an Act for regulating the Pilotage of Vessels into the several Ports of this Province, reported That they had prepared the same and were ready to make their Report, when the House would be pleased to receive it.

ORDERED That the Report be now made.

Then M^r Jones read the same in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where it was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Then the House adjourned till Monday Morning Ten O Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Monday October 2^d 1780.

The Bill entitled an Act for the Preservation and defence of his Majesty's Government in the Province of Georgia to amend an Act for the better ordering the

Militia and for other purposes herein after mentioned was read the third time.

RESOLVED That the said Bill do pass.

ORDERED That M^r Zubly do carry the same to the Upper House, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill entitled an Act for further amending an Act for regulating the Pilotage of Vessels into the several Ports of this Province, was read a second time and ordered to be Committed.

ORDERED That an Address be prepared and presented to his Excellency requesting he will be pleased to Order a new Writ of Election to be issued for one member, to represent the Parish of S^t John, in the Room of Simon Munro Esq^r who has the unanimous Permission of the House to resign his Seat; the Situation of his private Concerns rendering his Attendance in the House very inconvenient, and almost impracticable.

The said Address being prepared Ordered That M^r Jones and M^r Zubly do wait on his Excellency with the above, who accordingly withdrew and being return'd Reported They had waited on his Excellency who was pleased to return for Answer that he would order a new Writ to be issued immediately.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take under Consideration a Bill entitled an Act for further amending an Act for regulating the Pilotage of Vessels into the several Ports of this Province—and after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r Jones from the Committee of the whole House, Reported that they had taken the said Bill under Consideration, made several Amendments

thereto, which he was directed to report, when the House would be pleased to receive it.

ORDERED That the report be now made.

Then M^r Jones read the same in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where it was again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the said Bill with its Amendments be Engrossed.

The House adjourned till Tomorrow morning Ten O Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Tuesday October 3^d 1780.

The Bill entitled an Act for further amending an Act for regulating the Pilotage of Vessels into the several Ports of this Province, was read a third Time.

RESOLVED That the said Bill do pass.

ORDERED That M^r Baillie do carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from his Excellency by the Master in Chancery

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly.

I send you the Depositions of Richard Gregory and Isaac Jordan relative to the Murder of Soloman Sykes a Constable in the Execution of his Office, also a letter from Roger Kelsall Esq^r to the Attorney General on that

Subject, and the Chief Justices Warrant against the said Parties and others Justice to the Community requires an extraordinary Exertions to bring the Murderers to condign Punishment, and I mean to issue a Proclamation for that purpose, and must recommend it to You to enable me to offer a Reward suitable to the Occasion. I shall lay this Matter also before the Council as an Upper House, and doubt not but they will concur with You in providing a Proper Reward.

Savannah 3^d of October 1780.

JAMES WRIGHT.

ORDERED That the Clerk do read the said Letter and depositions, which was done accordingly.

The House taking the said Message under Consideration Resolved That the House will provide one hundred Pounds as a Reward for the Apprehension and Conviction of the said James Irvine and Charles Woodward for the Murder of Solomon Sykes: that is to say Fifty Pounds for the Apprehension and delivery of both of them to the Common Goal in Savannah, and in case one of them only be apprehended; then Twenty five Pounds to the Person or Persons who shall apprehend such one—And the further Sum of Fifty Pounds to those who may apprehend the said Offenders to be paid on their Conviction of the said Offence, and one half that Sum if only one should be convicted.

ORDERED That a Message be prepared and sent his Excellency, acquainting him with the said Resolution, and that M^r Simpson and M^r Fox do wait on his Excellency with the same.

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow morning Ten O Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Wednesday October 4th 1780.

The House met according to adjournment, and adjourned till tomorrow morning Ten O Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Thursday October 5th 1780

The House met according to adjournment and adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Ten O Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Friday October 6th 1780.

RESOLVED That the House will provide for all Sums disbursed by his Excellency for the Undermentioned purposes, and for all other Sums, which have been or may be requested to be advanced by the House.

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to his Excellency the Governor.

To his Excellency Sir James Wright Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of Georgia, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

The Address of the Commons House of Assembly.

May it please your Excellency

This House having taken into Consideration the Ex-

igencies of the Province, and finding many things necessary for the Defence and Support thereof, are under the necessity of Applying to your Excellency for the present to advance such Sums, as may be wanted, out of the Treasury or other Funds for the following purposes.

For contingent Expences	£54 .. 7 .. 6
For Sixteen Carriage Guns &	
cæt	£154 .. 8 .. 6
Blocks for D°	5 .. 11 .. -
For five hundred and thirty eight Pounds Gun Powder at 14 ^d .	31 .. 7 .. 8
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And this House have Resolved that they will provide for all Sums disbursed by your Excellency for the above purposes, and for all other Sums, which have been or may be requested to be advanced by this House.

OPDERED That M^r Hall and M^r Douglass do wait on his Excellency with the above Message, who accordingly withdrew, and being returned M^r Hall Reported That he with M^r Douglass had waited on his Excellency the Governor, who was pleased to say that he would comply with the Request of the House.

The House adjourned till Tomorrow morning Ten O Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Saturday October 7th 1780.

Message by M^r Montagut Clerk of the Upper House

of Assembly pro tempore, the Master in Chancery being sick.

That the Bill entitled an Act for further amending an Act for the regulating the Pilotage of Vessels into the several Ports of this Province, and for other purposes herein after mentioned, had passed in the Upper House with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of your House; and also to some Amendments to a Bill entitled an Act for the Preservation and Defence of his Majesty's Government in the Province of Georgia, to amend an Act entitled an Act for the better ordering the Militia and for other purposes therein mentioned.

The House taking under Consideration the Amendments of the Upper House to our Engrossed Bill entitled an Act for further amending an Act for Regulating the Pilotage of Vessels into the several Ports of this Province, and for other purposes herein after mentioned; and agreed to some of them, and disagreed to others.

ORDERED That M^r Douglas do wait on the Upper House and acquaint them therewith, who accordingly withdrew and being returned Reported That the Upper House had agreed to our Amendments.

RESOLVED That the Sum of Thirty Pounds be paid the Printer James Johnston, on his Account against the Public.

ORDERED That an Address be prepared and presented to his Excellency, requesting he will be pleased to adjourn the Commons House of Assembly untill Tuesday the 17th October, as several of the Members are obliged to attend the General Court, which commences on Tuesday the 10th Instant.

The said Address being prepared Ordered That M^r Zubly and M^r Douglass do wait on his Excellency with the same, who accordingly withdrew and being returned delivered the following Answer.

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

I do hereby adjourn the Commons House of Assembly untill Tuesday the 17th Day of this Instant, then to meet for the Dispatch of Business, and the said House is accordingly adjourned hereby till the 17th Day of this Inst^t

JAMES WRIGHT.

October 7. 1780.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Tuesday Oct^r 17th 1780.

The House met according to adjournment and adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning Ten O Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Wednesday October 18th 1780.

ORDERED That an Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor requesting he will be pleased to order Writs of Election to be issued for two Representatives for the Parish of S^t Andrew, in the Room of Robert Baillie and James Spalding Esq^{rs} and one Writ for a Representative for the Parish of S^t Patrick, in the room of Robert Porteus Esq^r those Gentlemen having neglected taking their Seats.

The said Address being prepared Ordered That M^r

Hall and Mr Mossman do wait on his Excellency with the same, who accordingly withdrew and being returned Reported That they had waited on his Excellency according to Order, who was pleased to return for Answer that he wou'd give Orders for new Writs to be issued immediately.

The Clerk of the Crown (pursuant to Order of Court) attended with the Presentments of the Grand Jury, which were read by the Clerk, and ordered to lie on the Table, for the Perusal of the Members.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal an Act entitled an Act for the regulation of Auctions laying a Duty on Goods, Wares and Merchandise sold at Auctions and for empowering the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being to licence Auctioneers, and a Debate arising thereon, the House divided and it was carried in the Negative.

The House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Ten O Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Thursday Oct^r 19th 1780.

The House met according to adjournment and adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Ten O Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Friday Oct^r 20th 1780.

The House met according to adjournment and adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning Ten O Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Saturday Oct^r 21st 1780.

The House met according to adjournment and adjourned till Monday Morning Ten O Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Monday Oct^r 23^d 1780.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery

That the Upper House had passed a Bill entitled an Act for the Amendment of an Act for the better regulating Taverns, Punch Houses and Retailers of Spirituous Liquors to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

RESOLVED nem. con. That the Speakers Warrant be issued against Alexander Wally and Joseph Fox Esq^m Members of this House for contempt thereof by non attendance and otherwise.

The House was informed That George Baillie Esq^r in Custody of the Messenger for absenting himself from the Service of the House, tho' required to give his Attendance by order of the House) attended at the Door, upon motion being made

ORDERED That the said George Baillie Esq^r be called in, and he was accordingly called in, and at the Bar of the House made an Excuse and then withdrew.

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ORDERED That M^r Baillie be again called in, and reprimanded by M^r Speaker at the Bar of the House, & he was accordingly called in and reprimanded by M^r Speaker.

ORDERED That M^r Baillie be discharged out of the Custody of the Messenger upon Payment of Fees.

The House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Ten O Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Tuesday October 24th 1780.

The House met according to adjournment and adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Ten O Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Wednesday October 25th 1780.

The House was informed That Joseph Fox Esq^r (in Custody of the Messenger for absenting himself from the Service of the House, though required to give his Attendance by Order of the House) attended at the Door, upon motion being made.

ORDERED That the said Joseph Fox be called in and he was accordingly called in, and at the Bar of the House made an Excuse and then withdrew.

ORDERED That Joseph Fox be again called in and reprimanded by M^r Speaker at the Bar of the House; and he was accordingly called in and reprimanded by M^r Speaker.

ORDERED That M^r Fox be discharged out of he Custody of the Messenger upon payment of Fees.

The Engrossed Bill from the Upper House, Entitled an Act for the Amendment of an Act for the better regulating Taverns, Punch Houses and Retailers of Spirituous Liquors, was read a second time and ordered to be Committed.

The House took into Consideration the Amendments of the Upper House to our Bill entitled an Act for the Preservation and Defence of his Majesty's Government in the Province of Georgia to amend an Act entitled an Act for the better Ordering the Militia and for other purposes therein mentioned and agreed to some of the Amendments and disagreed to others.

'Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Ten O Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Thursday October 26th 1780.

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to the Upper House.

Commons House of Assembly

Honorable Gentlemen

This House having taken under Consideration the Amendments made by your House to the Bill entitled an Act for the Preservation and Defence of his Majesty's Government in the Province of Georgia, to amend an Act entitled an Act for the better ordering the Militia and for other purposes herein after mentioned, have

agreed to some of them, and disagreed to Others, and have appointed a Committee to meet a Committee of your House at such Time and Place as You may please to appoint.—The Committee are M^r Robertson and M^r Cowper.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take under Consideration the Engrossed Bill of the Upper House, entitled an Act for the Amendment of an Act for the better regulating Taverns, Punch Houses, and Retailers of Spirituous Liquors, and made several Amendments thereto.

The said Bill was read a Third time, and passed with the Amendments.

ORDERED That M^r Robertson do wait on the Upper House and acquaint them that this House hath taken under Consideration the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto, to which they desire the Concurrence of their House.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Upper House of Assembly 26 Octo^r 1780.

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly.

In Answer to Your Message of this Morning this House hath appointed the Hon^{ble} Lewis Johnston, Josiah Tattnall and Martin Jollie Esq^{rs} a Committee to meet the Committee of your House on the Subject Matter of the Amendments to the Act for amending the Act for the better ordering the Militia and for other purposes herein after mentioned; and the Committee of the Upper House

is now ready to meet your Committee in the Room adjoining the Council Chamber.

M^r Robertson from the Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of the Upper House, on the Amendments by them made to the Bill entitled an Act for the Preservation and Defence of his Majesty's Government in the Province of Georgia, to amend an Act entitled an Act for the better ordering the Militia and for other purposes herein after mentioned—Reported That they had met and conferred on the subject matter of the said Amendments and had agreed thereto; which report was also agreed to by the House.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery

Upper House of Assembly 26th Oct^r 1780.

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly

This House having taken under Consideration the Amendments made by your House to the Bill entitled an Act to amend an Act for the better regulating Taverns Punch Houses, and Retailers of Spirituous Liquors, have agreed to part and disagreed to other part, and have appointed a Committee to meet a Committee of your House at the Room adjoining the Council Chamber, at the Time you may please to appoint

The Committee are M^r Johnston and M^r Jollie

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to the Upper House.

Commons House of Assembly—

Honorable Gentlemen

In Answer to your Message this House doth agree to the Conference you desire in the room adjoining the Council Chamber on the amendments made by this House to the Bill entitled an Act to amend an Act for the better regulating Taverns, Punch Houses and Retailers of Spirituous Liquors, and have appointed a Committee to meet the Committee of your House immediately.

The Committee are M^r Robertson and M^r Cowper.

M^r Robertson from the Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of the Upper House on the amendments made by this House to the Bill entitled an Act to amend an Act for the better regulating Taverns, Punch Houses and Retailers of Spirituous Liquors, Reported That they had met and conferred on the subject Matter of the said Amendments; and had agreed thereto; which Report was also agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That M^r Zubly and M^r Jones be a Committee to join a Committee of the Upper House to examine the Engrossed Bills.

The House adjourned till Tomorrow morning Ten O Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Friday Octo^r 27th 1780.

The House met according to adjournment and adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Ten O Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Saturday Octo^r 28. 1780.

The House met according to adjournment and adjourned till Monday morning Ten O Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Monday Octo^r 30th 1780

RESOLVED That Richard Davis, the Clerk of the Committee appointed to inspect and enquire into the Number of Houses in the Town an Environs of Savannah, be allow'd the Sum of Five Guineas for such his Attendance.

A Memorial from Divers of the Inhabitants of the Town of Savannah was presented to the House and read setting forth.

That the Memorialists entirely confiding in the Wisdom and Patriotism of their Representatives the present members of this Honorable House; and fully convinced that our Grievances will on all Occasions become an Object of their immediate and particular Attention, beg leave to address them on this Occasion.

That we apprehend the Act of Assembly lately passed for laying a Tax on all Goods sold at Vendue and for licencing Auctioneers, has not answered the End proposed.

That the same manifestly tends to the discouragement of Trade and Prejudice of the Country, by deterring of Adventurers from coming amongst us, with the Neces-

saries of Life, and carrying off the Produce of the Province in Payment.

That we are of Opinion That at a Time when a new Channel of Trade has been lately opened with our neighbouring Colony, where every Restraint on Commerce is avoided, every Encouragement given, and no Duties, and moderate Port Charges demanded. That in place of passing such Acts; Every Method should be adopted to preserve and support as much Trade amongst us as possible.

That the present Trade of Georgia is so small, and the Necessity for prosecuting Measures for its Increase and Encouragement, appears to us so great; That We sincerely wish all Taxes and every other Restraint upon the same may at least be laid aside for the present.

They therefore pray this Honorable House will take these evils into Consideration, repeal the said Act and grant such other Relief, as may appear to them most expedient and effectual for the Good of their Country, and benefit of their Constituents.

ORDERED That the said Memorial do lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery.

That the Governor desires the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber immediately.

The House attended accordingly, when his Excellency was pleased to assent to a Bill entitled an Act for further amending an Act for regulating the Pilotage of Vessels into the several Ports of this Province, and also to—A

Bill entitled an Act for further amending an Act for the better regulating the Militia and for other purposes herein after mentioned.

After which his Excellency was pleased to send the following Message.

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly

I do hereby adjourn the Commons House of Assembly untill Wednesday the fifteenth Day of November next; then to meet for the Dispatch of Business; and the said House is hereby adjourned accordingly, untill the fifteenth Day of November next.

JAMES WRIGHT.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Wednesday November 15th 1780.

James Herriott Esq^r elected and returned a Representative for the Parish of Saint David, proved himself duly qualifiyed to serve agreeable to an Act of the General Assembly, took the Oaths, made and subscribed the Declaration and took and subscribed the Oath of abjuration, and afterwards took his Seat as a Member of this House.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery.

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly

I think it necessary to acquaint you that I have receiv'l certain Information that one M'Kay, a notorious Rebel,

with a Party of Rebel Plunderers on Horse Back, who some time ago committed several Robberies on the high Ways to Augusta, and on Boats going up the River; and who went over into Carolina, is again returned into this Province, and robbing and plundering as before; and also that there are several Plundering Parties in South Carolina, who it is probable will come into this Province; and as the Peace and Safety of the Inhabitants may in some measure depend on these Parties of Robbers being speedily routed and brought to Justice. I must therefore recommend this Matter to your serious Consideration, and to determine whether it may not be expedient to raise a Troop of Thirty Horsemen, to go in Pursuit of the said M^cKay, and other plundering Parties who may come into this Province, and also to offer a suitable reward, in order to encourage Persons to exert and use their utmost Diligence to apprehend and take the said M'Kay and his Party; which if you approve of, I shall issue a Proclamation offering the said Reward—I have also laid this Matter before the Council, as an Upper House, who will concur with You in the Measures above proposed, if you approve of them

JAMES WRIGHT Savannah 15th Nov^r 1780

RESOLVED That this House will provide a Sum not exceeding Five Hundred Pounds Sterling to be paid the Person or Persons apprehending or killing one James M'Kay, late of S^t George's Parish, Yeoman, said to be a notorious Thief and Plunderer, or any of his Associates, or any other Party or Parties concerned in plundering the Inhabitants of this Province the said Sum of Money or any part thereof, to be distributed and disposed of by the Governor and Council in such Proportions and in such manner as they may see fit.

ORDERED That a Message be prepared and sent his

Excellency the Governor acquainting him with the said Resolution, and a Message was prepared and sent accordingly.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor.

That his Excellency desires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately.

The House attended accordingly when his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to a Bill entitled an Act to amend an Act for the better regulating Taverns, Punch Houses and Retailers of spirituous Liquors.

RESOLVED That this House will provide, for the Payment of a House &cet. belonging to Adam Keller, said to be necessary to be pulled down and removed for the Conveniency of carrying on the Publick Works of this Province, such a Sum as may be agreed on between the Party and his Excellency the Governor.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery.

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly.

I do hereby adjourn the Commons House of Assembly untill Wednesday the Seventeenth Day of January next; then to meet for the Dispatch of Business; and it is accordingly adjourned to Wednesday the Seventeenth of January next.

Given under my Hand at Savannah 15th Day of Nov^r 1780.

JAMES WRIGHT.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Monday December 11th 1780.

The House met pursuant to His Excellencys Proclamation and adjourned till tomorrow morning Eleven O Clock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Tuesday Dec^r 12th 1780.

The House met according to adjournment and adjourned till Tomorrow morning Eleven OClock.

(*From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.*)

Wednesday Dec^r 13th 1780.

Lachlan M'Gillivray Esq^r elected and returned a Representative for the Parish of S^t Mary, proved himself duly qualified to serve agreeable to an Act of the General Assembly, took the Oaths, made and subscribed the Declaration, and took and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and afterwards took his Seat as a Member of this House.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery.

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly

When I last adjourned You, I was hopeful that there would not be any Occasion to Call you together again

before the time to which you were adjourned; but on the Application of several Members of your House, and the Merchants and Traders in General, I have thought it expedient to require your Attendance, and must recommend to your serious Consideration the present defenceless State of the Province; Particularly the Inlets and Sea Islands; several Depredations having been lately committed on the Settlements contiguous thereto; and I shall be very happy to have it in my Power to concur with You in any measure which you may judge necessary for the safety and Welfare of the Province.

JAMES WRIGHT

Motion was made for leave to address his Excellency the Governor, requesting he will be pleased to order a Writ of Election to be issued for a Representative for Ebenezer in the Parish of S^t Mathew, in the Room of Alexander Wright Esq^r who has declined taking his Seat.

The same being prepared Ordered That M^r M'Gillivray and M^r Baillie do wait on his Excellency with the same, who was pleased to return for Answer that He would order one to be issued immediately.

Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to take into Consideration his Excellency's Message of this Day, and to make their Report to the House.

ORDERED That M^r Jones, M^r Baillie, M^r Douglass, M^r Herriott and M^r Zubly be the said Committee.

Then the House adjourned till Tomorrow morning Ten OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Thursday Dec^r 14th 1780.

The House met according to adjournment and adjourned till Tomorrow morning Ten OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Friday Dec^r 15th 1780.

The House met according to adjournment and adjourned till Tomorrow morning Ten OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Saturday December 16th 1780

The House met according to adjournment and adjourned till Monday Morning Ten OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Monday December 18th 1780

Owen Owens Esq^r elected and returned a Representative for the Parish of S^t Andrew, proved himself duly qualified agreeable to an Act of the General Assembly in such case made and provided, and after taking the necessary Oaths took his Seat accordingly.

M^r Jones from the Committee appointed to take under

Consideration his Excellency's Message, Reported That they had taken the same under Consideration, and were ready to make their Report, when the House would be pleased to recieve it.

The Committee appointed to take the Message from his Excellency the Governor to this House on Wednesday last into Consideration do make the following Report

That the Defenceless State of the Coast and Inlets of this Province for the want of some armed Boat or Vessel for the Protection of the Trade thereof, requires some immediate and effectual Assistance.

We therefore give it as our Opinion that to accomplish such a necessary Measure; One or more Gallies or Boats should be immediately built somewhat as nearly as possible of the same dimension, construction and force as those of the Enemy now infesting the Coast of said Province distressing the Trade and plundering the Inhabitants on the Sea Islands thereof; That the said Boat or Galley should be from seventy five to eighty feet keel, and proportionable width, to row from fifteen to Twenty Oars of a Side, to carry a Six Pounder in the Bow with four two Pounders, twelve Swivels and twenty Muskets, and ammunition answerable, to be manned with fifty white men and Ten Refugee Negroes, whose Masters are now in Actual Rebellion: the Boat or Galley to be built with Cedar or live Oak and pitch pine; and to draw as small a draught of water as possible; The Expences of which will amount with building out fitt provisions, and pay for one Month to about seven hundred pounds

The Committee also delivered in the following Computation.

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Boat fitted with Oars, Spars and two lug- ger sails	£150..	0..	-
Captain three commission'd Officers £40 per Month Forty Seamen Eighty pounds	200..	-..	-
Ten Negroes at 40 per Month, provis- ions for 60 men 18 p ^r day.....	155..	-..	-
One Six Pounder with Carriage &cet..	10..	-..	-
Two 2 Pounders at £4— 12 Swivels at £3	44..	-..	-
20 Stand of Arms at 30/ each, and flints 40/	32..	-..	-
1000 lb Gun Powder at 2/ Ball, Shot &cet	150..	-..	-
The first out fit.....	741..	-..	-

Motion was made that a Committee of ways and means may be appointed to enquire into what funds there are in the Province for the Support of Government, and that they have power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

ORDERED That M^r Baillie, M^r Douglass, M^r Mossman M^r M'Gillivray and M^r Owens be the said Committee.

The House adjourned till tomorrow Morning Ten OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

Tuesday December 19th 1780.

Peter Dean Esq^r elected and returned a Representative for the Parish of S^t Andrew, proved himself duly qualified to serve agreeable to an Act of the General Assembly,

in such case made and provided; and after taking the Necessary Oaths took his Seat accordingly.

A Letter from Joseph Fox Esq^r was presented to the House and read, setting forth That he had made application some time ago for leave to resign his Seat, which was not then granted on Account of the House not being sufficiently full; since which there have been several Members elected; That he now begs leave to renew his request, as he is just moving up the Country within a few Miles of Augusta, that it will be extremely inconvenient as well as injurious to his private Interest, to be obliged to continue in the House, hopes the Honorable House upon taking the reasons he gave into Consideration, will grant his Petition— That he should have attended personally to make his Application, but is too unwell to come to Town.

The House taking the said Letter into Consideration, it was unanimously Resolved That Leave be granted Joseph Fox Esq^r to resign his Seat.

Motion was made That an Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, requesting he will be pleased to order a Writ of Election to be issued for a Representative for the Parish of S^t John, in the Room of Joseph Fox Esq^r who has the unanimous permission of the House to resign his Seat.

Motion was made that an Address be presented His Excellency the Governor, requesting he will be pleased to issue a Proclamation, Offering a Reward of one hundred Pounds for apprehending and convicting the Person or Persons concerned in setting fire to his Excellency's Barn, on the Night of the fourteenth Instant, and that this House will provide for the same.

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The said Addresses being prepared—Ordered That M^r Jones and M^r M'Gillivray, do wait on his Excellency with the same—they accordingly withdrew and being returned M^r Jones Reported That they had, according to order, waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to say that he wou'd comply with the request of the House.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery.

M^r Speaker and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly.

I do hereby adjourn the Commons House of Assembly untill Monday the fifteenth Day of January next, then to meet for the Dispatch of Business; and it is accordingly adjourned to Monday the fifteenth Day of January next.

Given under my Hand at Savannah this Nineteenth Day of December 1781.

JAMES WRIGHT

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Commons House of Assembly.

I do hereby certify that the above is a true Copy from the Original Journals of the Commons House of Assembly.

JOHN, M, TATTNALL, Clerk.

(*From B. P. R. O.*)

To His Excellency Sir James Wright Baronet Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over his Majesties Province of Georgia Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same

The Address of the Commons House of Assembly

May it please Your Excellency

We His Majesties dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons House of Assembly, in General Assembly met, impressed with the most lively sense of duty and affection towards His Majesties Person and Government,—consider it as our indispensable duty to lay before your Excellency, the Present unhappy and deplorable state of our Constituents in every Part of this once flourishing province

Since the loss of the Post at Augusta, the Rebels have been continually committing depredations and Murders upon His Majesties loyal subjects—All the Outposts being withdrawn, every part of the Province is laid open and exposed, to the wanton ravages of the Enemy, who are permitted to rove at large in our settlements, and have within these few days past, cruelly put to death many of our Constituents, for no other cause than their loyalty and attachment to Government—Altho we have every reason to believe, the force of the Rebels in this province, has not hitherto, nor does it at present, exceed 400 Men, and not more than half of them Continental Cavalry

It is with concern, We see our Town Militia obliged to do Garrison duty, when the regular troops are wholly in Savannah

The season for planting is now at hand, and at a time-

when the Husbandman should be tilling his ground, and planting his crop, His Majesties subjects have no place of security, outside the lines of Savannah—Their Negroes which were formerly a considerable part of their Riches, being confined to the Town, are become a heavy and almost insupportable burthen to them

Many respectable inhabitants are reduced to indigence and poverty, for want of sufficient protection and support to enable them to live at home, and cultivate their farms in security

The Rebels are daily consuming and driving off Cattle and other live stock—And notwithstanding the provident steps your Excellency has taken to provide for the poor and distressed Refugees, We have just reason to apprehend, That unless some speedy and effectual measures are adopted for regaining and protecting the Country some distance round the Capital (which from the situation of our Rivers, We should hope may be accomplished at very little hazard) Unless Sir. This is speedily done, We have every reason to dread, That Defection, Emigration and Famine will ensue

This Sir, is a meloncholy, and we are sorry to add, a true picture of the present situation of this Country—The Blood of our Constituents, calls loudly for satisfaction, And we trust there are none amongst us, but will chearfully co-operate with the Military, in the duties of the Field, in support of the British Constitution

We receive with peculiar pleasure, the Account your Excellency has been pleased to communicate to us, of His Majesties Gracious approbation of our Conduct, and Assurances of Protection and support—And altho we have the fullest confidence in the benevolent intentions of our Sovereign—We cannot but express our ardent wishes, to

see them more fully carried into execution—From the long experience We have had of your Excellencys un-wearied attention to, and regard for this Province, and his Majesties good subjects in it, We are fully Persuaded, That, you will do every thing in your power to alleviate our present unhappy situation And your Excellency may at all times command, and rely on the best services of this House, both in their Legislative and private capacities to forward and promote his Majesties service to the utmost of their power

The present season of the year, is so critical, that We cannot but be peculiarly anxious on behalf of ourselves and Constituents, to know of your Excellency, what protection or security we may depend on in future, before it be too late to plant our Crops or move elsewhere, for without the cultivation of our Lands, This valuable Province, which might have been, and still may be made, exceedingly beneficial to His Majesties dominions, will greatly suffer for want of provisions and effectual support, and consequently must sink into inevitable ruin

By Order the House

SAMUEL FARLEY Speaker

Commons House of Assembly

23^d Febr^y 1782

Copy

M^r Speaker & Gent^l of the Commons House of Assembly

Your Address Certainly Contains every Just Representation of the Wretched Situation of Affairs in this Province & I See, & Feel With you, the Necessity of Some Immediate Steps being taken, or Otherwise the Truly distressing & Alarming Consequences, which you Mention, must Inevitably Ensue. These things I have

long been Aware of, & made every application I could, for Assistance, but hitherto in Vain, And Alas! I have not the Means of Relief in my Power. But you may rest assured, I Shall Consult his Majesty's Council, & do my Utmost to Promote your Wishes.

Signed JA: WRIGHT—Sav 23 Feb: 1782.

(*From Manuscript in the Royal Institution of Great Britain.*)

To His Excellency Sir Guy Carleton Knight of the Bath, Commander in Chief of His Majestys Forces in North America &c &c &c

The Address of the Commons House of Assembly of Georgia

May it Please your Excellency

We His Majestys Dutiful and Loyal subjects, The Commons House of Assembly, in General Assembly met, Beg leave to Congratulate Your Excellency on Your safe Arrival at New York, and on Your Appointment to the Command of His Majestys Forces in America; at a Time when everything has the Appearance of an Approaching Peace with the Revolted Provinces; an Event which we Most ardently wish to see Accomplished, upon Terms Consistent with the Honor, Safety and Prosperity of the British Empire.

We, on behalf of Ourselves and Our Constituents, beg leave to lay before Your Excellency a brief state of our Situation; and to entreat Your Excellency's attention to the future Happiness of His Majestys good subjects in this Province.

From a very early Period, we have taken Arms in de-

fence of Our Happy Constitution, and shewn an unshaken Loyalty to the best of Kings; for which we have been Persecuted by our Enemies, deprived of our Possessions, and some Hundreds have been most Cruelly Murdered for no other cause, than their attachment to the British Government; the Garrisons and Out Posts (which used to give Protection to the Country) being either subdued, or withdrawn, great Numbers of very Respectable Inhabitants and others, have quitted their most Valuable Possessions, and are now doing Duty within our Lines, living on the common Rations of the Soldiers and undergoing every species of Hardship; rather than swerve from their Loyalty;—their Estates are Confiscated by the Rebels, and are now Advertized for Sale

It is for a People Sir! who come under those Descriptions (borne down, and almost Ruined by the Ravages of War) We have to intreat your earnest attention, *in Peace or War..* And we trust at this Important Period, *that the Property and Interests*, of His Majestys faithful Subjects will not be neglected, nor our Peculiar sufferings and Loyalty forgot

We entertain the most flattering Prospects from Your Excellencys Appointment; And sincerely wish to see a Reconciliation take Place between America, and the Mother Country, upon Terms that are just, Liberal, and Generous.

By Order of the House

SAM¹ FARLEY, Speaker

Commons House of Assembly
31st May 1782.

(*From Manuscript in the Royal Institution of Great Britain.*)

To His Excellency The Hon^{ble} Alexander Leslie Esq
Lieut. General of His Majesty's Forces & Com-
manding in the Southern District of America.

The Address of His Excellency Sir James Wright
Bart Captain General & Governor in Chief of His
Majesty's Province of Georgia, and of The Up-
per & Commons House of Assembly of the s^t
Province—

May it Please Your Excellency

We His Majestys Most Dutiful & Loyal Subjects, feel
Ourselves at a loss for Language to express the Astonish-
ment We experience, at the Intelligence that has been re-
ceived, of an Intention to withdraw His Majestys Troops
from this Province, and East Florida

We can with the greatest Confidence assert that a greater
proportion of the Inhabitants of Georgia have attached
themselves to the Royal Cause, Than in any other British
Colony in America, And that Numbers of them have
been inhumanly murdered, and others of them stript of
their property, and driven within the Lines of Savannah
on Account of their Zeal for the British Government.—At
a period when Admiral Rodney has gloriously triumph'd
over the French Fleet—when The Town of Savannah has
been put into a good posture of Defence at an immense ex-
pence to the Inhabitants ;—When the Enemy is inconsiderable
in Number, and must, necessarily Suffer by Sickness,
at the unhealthy Post which they now Occupy—At Such
a Time, We little expected that the Town of Savannah
would have been evacuated, to the Utter Ruin of Many
Loyalists who have Suffer'd the greatest Hardships in

defending it, and are likely to be reduced to the Melancholy Alternative, either of leaving the Province, in a destitute Condition, to pine under Want in a Strange Country or else stay behind & fall into the hands of their inexorable enemies.

We apprehend that when Orders were given to evacuate this place—the News of Admiral Rodney's Victory had not been received, and should the Troops be now withdrawn when the Situation of Great Britain is so Much altered for the better—Administration will probably Lament the fatal Effects of so distressing a Measure.

Upon the whole, We Cannot but hope & flatter Ourselves, That upon this representation Your Excellency, will Order the Garrison of St Augustine to be removed to Savannah, by which means this Place will be effectually Secured from risques. And We further beg leave to Observe, that the possession of this Province, will be productive of the utmost benefit to the Garrison of Charles Town, New York & the West India Islands, if only protected till the Crops can be gathered in, There being now growing within a few Miles of the Lines, Rice Sufficient to produce upwards of Ten thousand Barrells & forty to fifty Thousand Bushells of Corn besides vast Quantities of Pease & potatoes; and Considerable Supplies of Lumber & Naval Stores, can be procured for the Use of His Majesty's Navy & the West India Islands.

By Order of the Upper House

JOHN GRAHAME
President

JA: WRIGHT.

By Order of The Commons House of
Assembly

SAM^l FARLEY Speaker

Savannah }
June 16: 1782 }

(From B. P. R. O.—A. & W. I., Vol. 235.)

To His Excellency The Honorable Alexander Leslie
Esquire Lieutenant General of His Majesty's Forces,
& commanding in the Southern District of America.

The Address of the Upper and Commons House of
Assembly of the Province of Georgia in General
Assembly met.

May it please Your Excellency

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the
Upper and Commons House of Assembly in General As-
sembly met, feel

[Continues the same, word for word, as 53/114 as far as
the words: "distressing a measure." The last para-
graph is as follows:—]

But should the Evacuation of this Province unfortu-
nately take Place we flatter ourselves you will at all
Events keep Possession of East Florida, as an Asylum
for the Loyalists until they can make an Application to
his Excellency General Carleton to continue the Garrison
there; for should East Florida also be evacuated the Loy-
alists will have no place whither they may transport a
large Number of Negroes, and the People who may move
from hence to that Province, added to the Garrison al-
ready there, will be sufficient to defend S^t Augustine
against a numerous Enemy as none but Vessels of an
easy Draught of Water can enter that Harbour—We
would also observe, that there are several Nations of

Indians in the Neighbourhood of East Florida who might be made very usefull in the Defence of that Province but if it is given up the Indians will of Consequence Join the Enemy.

Savannah
16th June 1782}

By Order of the Upper House

JOHN GRAHAME

President

By Order of the Commons House
of Assembly

SAM¹ FARLEY, Speaker

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